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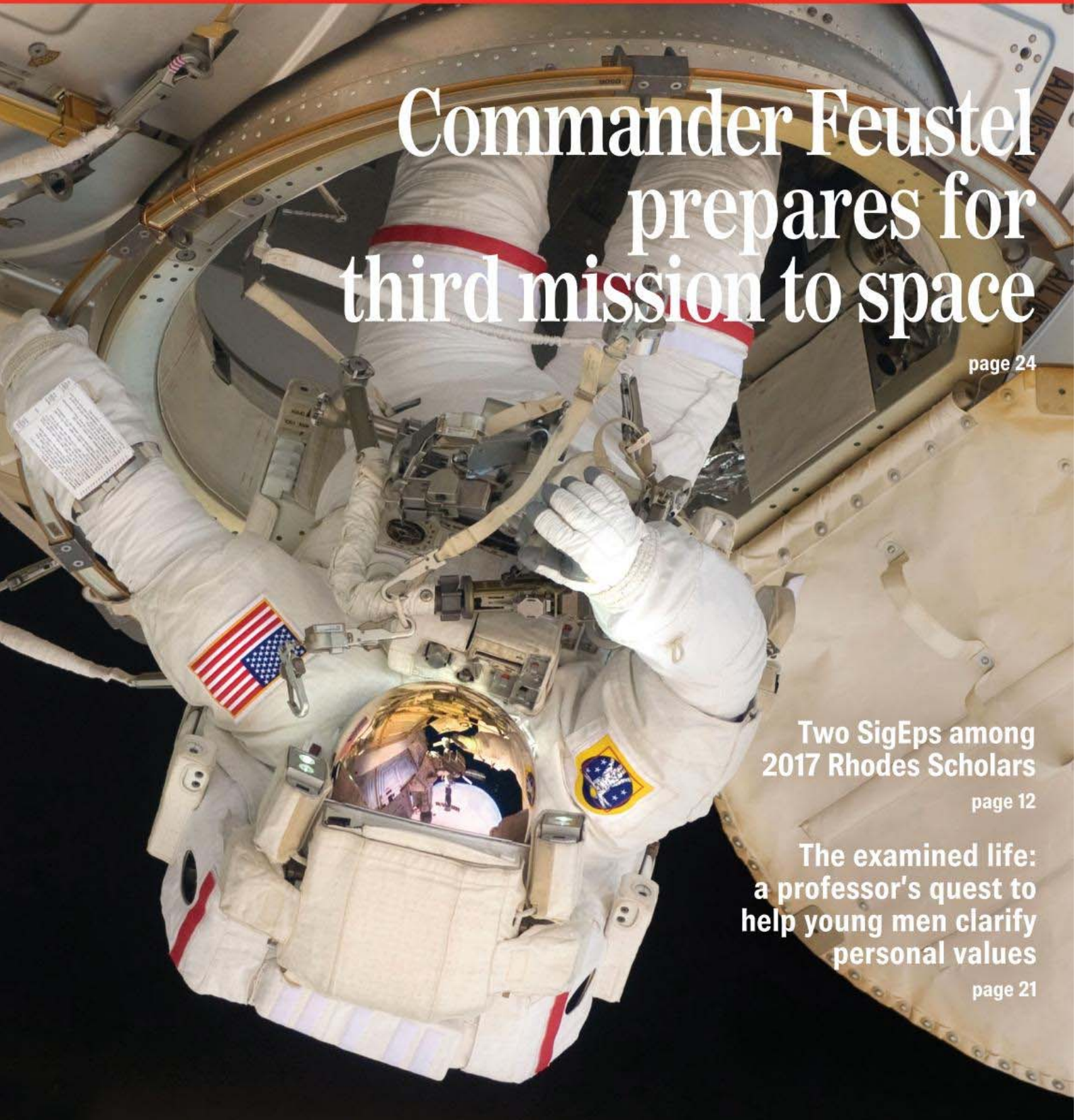
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What we do for each other changes lives forever

This summer will mark another exciting moment in SigEp's history when we meet in Orlando for our 55th Grand Chapter Conclave. We have accomplished much since the 2015 Nashville Conclave, and we can all be proud of how far our brotherhood has come in the last two years. After passing legislation uniting all chapters under the Balanced Man Program, the real work began. Our chapters, local volunteers and university staff began new Balanced Man Programs from scratch, restarted old ones that had fallen by the wayside, and injected new enthusiasm and creativity into high-functioning programs.

Last Conclave, our undergraduates also adopted legislation asking that we build a mobile application to support the BMP — an accomplishment that many companies struggle to achieve and few fraternities even dream about. The BMP App's launch this spring fulfills that mandate from our undergraduate brothers. But more importantly, it marks a new era for SigEp. We can now better support a consistent, relevant fraternity experience at all of our chapters, helping our brothers build skills and friendships they'll need for a fulfilling life.

As we celebrate our progress, we must also consider the threats that still exist. Alcohol abuse and hazing call the very existence of fraternities into question. Our partners in higher education have questioned our value, while a chorus of people — from our neighbors to the national media to parents — has called for the extinction of all

We've accomplished much together, but if we are to reach our potential then we will need heroes of every age, passion and ability to lead us there.

fraternities. But they don't see what we see. We know that SigEp has the courage to be different. That is why we have set our goal, not just to be the best fraternity, but to be the best student organization on each of our campuses.

In order to reach our potential, we must take action. We must remain committed to bringing out the best in our brothers through the BMP. We must provide a safe and healthy environment for those brothers, an environment rooted in success, where they are able to discuss and apply their academic learning through conversations with their brothers and faculty. In other words, we must fully integrate the Balanced Man Program with the Residential Learning Community for all of our brothers.

We've accomplished much together, but if we are to reach our potential then we will need heroes of every age, passion, and ability to lead us there. Because what we do for each other matters ... because what we do for each other changes lives forever.

Fraternally,

RICK BENNET
Grand President

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Parents of new members respond

Grand President Rick Bennet and CEO Brian Warren launched a new family communication program this year, and many parents responded. To read SigEp's family communications, visit sigep.org/family.

Brian and all of the SigEp professional staff, Thank you for these Parent and Family Information Series installments. They are very helpful in allowing us to feel more connected with something that has become a very important and integral part of our son Elijah's life at the University of New Hampshire. Of the many fraternity organization options our son had, we are very pleased with his choice to become a SigEp brother. You have our full support in your mission to redefine the fraternity experience and develop men of character and leadership.

With appreciation,

EVAN AND JULIE SORENSEN

Dear Rick and all the brothers in leadership at SigEp, THANK YOU SO MUCH for your care, concern and commitment to the well being of our sons! As parents, it is truly a blessing to know that, during a time that can often be fraught with unhealthy risk and excess, our sons have peers who encourage the pursuit of excellence of the "whole man."

Carpe Diem!

TARA CONRAD

Dear Richard, Brian and Archie, I wanted to sincerely thank you for the Family Communication series! It was very reassuring to receive each of the emails, and I enjoyed hearing more about the Balanced Man Program, the five key areas of focus, Timothy and John's stories, the values of the SigEp organization, and the rest of the shared information. My son, Kyle, is a freshman at the University of Wyoming, and he has been really happy and proud to be part of the SigEp Fraternity. I appreciate all of the energy that goes into making this such a positive program.

All the best,

LISA GOUNOD

Readers share more stories of SigEps in the Olympics

The article "Road to Rio: A History of SigEps in the Olympics" from the fall 2016 issue drew lots of responses, including story submissions about other SigEps who played a role in the Olympic Games. Know a brother who should be included? Let us know. We'd love to keep the conversation going. To read the original story, visit sigep.org/RoadtoRio.

1932 Lake Placid

James L. Harsh,
Colorado State '33

Sport: Nordic Combined (Alternate)

Interesting Fact: Harsh was one of the first Coloradoans to qualify for the Winter Olympics. Because of his strength in jumping and cross-country, he was selected as an alternate for the U.S. Nordic combined team. In 1981, he was inducted into the Colorado Ski & Snowboard Museum's Hall of Fame.



James Harsh (fifth from left) with teammates from the 1932 U.S. ski team.

1998 Nagano

Lew Vadheim, Montana State '68

Interesting Fact: Vadheim served as a team USA physician at the 1998 Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan. "Our work was fast paced and always interesting. The unexpected was routine," Vadheim said. He had previously enjoyed a 14-year involvement with the U.S. Olympic Committee, including roles as physician-in-charge for the U.S. ski team's pre-season training camp in West Yellowstone, Montana, and the pre-world championship training camp in Vaja, Sweden.

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ERIC CHEW
STANFORD '17

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A SigEp at the helm of Lions Clubs International

Bob Corlew, Davidson '75, was elected to serve as the 100th president of Lions Clubs International this past June at the association's convention in Fukuoka, Japan.

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Pepperdine brothers Chris Walters, '03, and Alex Claud, '13, share a laugh outside the Stiletto Entertainment offices in Los Angeles County, where they run the Official SigEp Store.

Fraternity provides fulfillment: The brothers behind the Official SigEp Store

Chris Walters, Pepperdine '03, and Alex Claud, Pepperdine '13, are online merchandising professionals with a combined 20 years of experience in the entertainment industry. In 2014, these brothers lent their expertise to our Fraternity to operate the Official SigEp Store.

Walters and Claud are responsible for producing, selling and fulfilling the Fraternity's apparel and accessories. They develop original products from scratch from the Stiletto Entertainment offices in the Los Angeles area. They also manage officialsigepstore.com and control inventory and shipment of products.

Some of the store's most popular items are its outerwear offerings, but they also receive bulk orders from chapters that want each brother to have SigEp ties, socks or intramural jerseys.

"I love that we can further chapter unity and togetherness with our products," Walters said.

Representing the style preferences of SigEp's diverse membership is one of Walters' and Claud's goals when introducing new products. That approach leads to quite the variety. While Claud's initial reaction to the colorful SigEp On Repeat design was, "Who would even wear this shirt?," it quickly grew on him. Now, it's one of his favorite shirts for his laid-back LA work environment.

Walters, on the other hand, prefers a more classic look. He frequently sports one of the two SigEp sock styles, a classic argyle or a bolder stripe pattern, and ensured that the SigEp brand was prominent on the socks' packaging.

For Walters, vice president of merchandising, working on SigEp's products provides a unique opportunity. "The 2015 Conclave was our first big event with SigEp," Walters said. "People were excited to have the opportunity to buy great-looking SigEp products."

SigEp's leadership events are great opportunities for undergraduates and volunteers to see what the store has to offer in person. Claud traveled to five Carlson Leadership Academies this year with the store's inventory, and a larger selection from the store will be available at the Orlando Conclave this August.

The store also promotes the strength of the SigEp brand. Because each product is designed in-house, Walters and Claud can collaborate with the Headquarters staff to ensure the products look great and promote the Fraternity's brand in the best way possible.

Stiletto has always had a history of giving professional opportunities to SigEps. They frequently hire interns from nearby chapters, which is how Walters and Claud got their starts. The brothers behind the store see their role as more than just a job — it's an opportunity to provide a service to the SigEp brotherhood.

30 percent of the SigEp Store's revenue goes to support the Fraternity's leadership programs.



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Red Door Notes

The red door on SigEp chapter houses started at Syracuse University in 1928. While not the only factor in a high-performing chapter, well-appointed chapter facilities support transformative experiences created by the Balanced Man Program and Residential Learning Communities.

State-of-the-art home ready for Colorado State Chapter's return after major renovation decades in the making

By DAN REAGAN, Colorado State '82

The historic home of SigEp's Colorado State Chapter has undergone extensive renovations to become a state-of-the-art facility capable of hosting a best-practices Residential Learning Community. The vision was to create a space where undergraduates could engage in hands-on learning and conversation with faculty, staff and fellow Fraternity brothers. The home includes a house director suite, faculty fellow office and multimedia conference room as well as an 800-square-foot, dual-purpose library and classroom with vaulted ceiling and study loft.

Alumni involved with the renovations believed the addition of a marquis library and classroom was critical to attracting the best students and differentiating SigEp from the 25 other fraternities and 22 well-established learning communities that exist on the Colorado State campus. They wanted the space to be as inviting and functional as the university's library and classrooms. In the end, the \$2.7 million renovation has more than delivered on their expectation.

The historic three-story Colonial Revival home was originally built in 1930. Small repairs and improvements were made over the years, including the addition of a new kitchen and house mother suite in 1956. In the decades that followed, a series of fundraising efforts made other important improvements possible and produced a modest starter fund for a larger project.

In 2003, a group of Colorado State alumni, led by **Bryan Harmsen, '01**, and **Tony Mauro, '99**, laid out a 10-year plan to fully renovate the home. Working with undergraduate leaders, the alumni volunteers began the preliminary work required for a successful capital campaign and house renovation. They turned their attention to improving alumni communications and strengthening alumni engagement and volunteer support.

The chapter worked with Pennington & Company, a firm specializing in alumni relations and fundraising support, to



Over 200 brothers and guests attend a ribbon cutting and house tour on Oct. 17, 2015. Alumni graduating from 1950 to 2013 were in attendance, coming from as far away as Thailand to see the new house and celebrate their chapter's 100th anniversary.

produce professionally designed newsletters to be delivered twice a year. In addition to providing chapter and alumni news, the newsletter informed brothers about the maintenance of the aging chapter home. The alumni-led housing corporation shared photos, articles about small improvements and summary financial statements.

Meanwhile, members of the housing corporation worked diligently to build upon their reserve fund, which totaled \$60,000 in 2003. They implemented strict financial discipline, stuck to a clear savings plan and invested in a low-risk portfolio. By 2012, the reserve had grown to more than \$450,000. The volunteers decided they were ready to share their plans for a campaign with other alumni and again partnered with Pennington & Company to guide the chapter through a feasibility study and campaign.

Multiple concepts for a renovation were presented to alumni from every era of the chapter's history. Agreement was reached on launching a campaign to complete a full renovation. Funds raised would provide for necessary updates to the home as well

as physical additions needed for the operation of an accredited Residential Learning Community.

The housing corporation took its vision to several SigEp architects familiar with the Residential Learning Community program and best designs in student housing. **Mitch Christ, Colorado State '79**; **Walter "Bud" Frick, Miami (Florida) '69**; **Jon Kucera, Virginia '69**; and **Jan Peterson, Washington in St. Louis '67**, all contributed to the renovation plans.

Surviving setbacks

As plans were being finalized for the housing project, the previously award-winning Colorado State Chapter encountered hard times. Undergraduate leaders increasingly struggled to hold members accountable, and a series of alcohol-related conduct issues linked to members of the chapter resulted in a loss of university recognition in December 2013.

Despite the initial heartache, alumni used the temporary closure as a unifying moment. They were convinced it was worth investing even more time and money to ensure that young men at



Colorado State would benefit from the life-changing relationships and supportive environment provided by a SigEp experience. They decided to collectively move forward with a vision of creating a chapter that was stronger than ever, and volunteers expanded their long-term plan to include a 2018 recolonization.

Fundraising continued under the leadership of Campaign Chairman **Al Hornung, Colorado State '61**, and the housing corporation's board grew to include brothers from every decade since the 1960s. An even larger team signed on to help raise funds and rally support among brothers from their respective eras.

Ultimately, alumni from the 1960s led in total giving, with 39 brothers giving over 45 percent of all funds raised. When the campaign was complete, 139 brothers had made gifts and pledges totaling \$1.18 million.

Under the guidance of alumnus Mitch Christ, the renovation team stripped the home to its studs and proceeded with renovations while preserving and restoring historic architectural details. By spring 2016, the team completed the \$2.7 million renovation. Upgrades included new mechanical, electrical, plumbing, HVAC and fire suppression systems as well as the addition of a modern IT infrastructure. The renovation also provided components essential for residential learning, including the Jenkins Family Library, which will

host academic courses for SigEp brothers when the chapter returns.

Building university partnerships

With their building project complete, the Colorado State alumni are working with university and SigEp staff to bring their chapter back to campus as an accredited Residential Learning Community. The goal is to receive accreditation from both Colorado State and the national Fraternity through their respective learning community programs.

Former SigEp Regional Director **Ryan Garthright, Colorado State '10**, is leading the effort to recruit faculty fellows and develop the chapter's academic programming. Hosting university courses within the chapter's library is a top priority. Among the many opportunities under consideration is a partnership with the school's President's Leadership Program, through which participating members would receive a minor in leadership studies. To support this level of educational programming and provide scholarships for members, alumni have now focused their fundraising efforts on annual giving and are working to build a \$1 million endowment over the next 10 years. And if their record of tenacity is any indication, it is safe to assume that the Colorado State alumni will see this and each of their current goals through to completion.



From top: Brothers and guests attending SigEp's 1952 Flower Dance gather on the front lawn of the Colorado State home.

A remodeled room that will serve as a congregating point for brothers between classes and an additional study space in the future Residential Learning Community.

The dual-purpose library and classroom, with vaulted ceiling and study loft, will host academic courses for brothers.

Colorado State's \$1.18 million campaign was led by Al Hornung, Colorado State '61. Decade leaders for the campaign included Don Hoch, '50; Don Rutledge, '61; David Jenkins, '64; Robert Frey, '65; Jerre Dixon, '67; Jim Benemann, '78; Mitch Christ, '79; Dan Reagan, '82; TJ Gordon, '87; Breck Vassios, '87; Mike Jensen, '96; Andy Odenbach, '96; Trevor Armstrong, '99; Tony Mauro, '99; Bryan Harmsen, '01; Josh Clark, '02; Mike Flemming, '03; Ross Hendrix, '07; and Ben Lucas, '07.



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Goodman gets his star on Hollywood Walk of Fame

SigEp Citation recipient **John Goodman**, Missouri State '74, recently experienced a career-crowning achievement. On March 10, 2017, he was honored for his more than 40 years of work in the television and movie industry with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Goodman received SigEp's Citation award for exemplary career achievement at the 2011 Conclave. As a popular movie, television and stage actor, Goodman has hundreds of titles to his credit. He has won an Emmy Award, a Golden Globe Award, two People's Choice Awards and two American Comedy Awards. On TV, he is best known for his role as Dan Conner on "Roseanne" and for hosting "Saturday Night Live," where he once wore a SigEp sweatshirt on set, 13 times. His movie credits include "Argo," "The Babe," "The Big Lebowski," "Blues Brothers 2000," "Everybody's All-American," "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" and "Monsters, Inc."

Glen Powell honors history in 'Hidden Figures'

Glen Powell, Texas-Austin '11, added a historic role to his rapidly growing resume this winter when he played astronaut John Glenn in the 2016 film "Hidden Figures." In an interview with the fashion-industry trade journal Women's Wear Daily, Powell said, "There's only so many great movies that come about every year. That three African-American women were responsible for one of the greatest American moments

was completely unknown to most people. The script was so good and it's such an intimate tale of a well-known moment. It's one of the reasons you get into the movie business."

In 2017, the film won the Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture. It

was also nominated for three Oscars and two Golden Globes.

Powell has more than 40 films to his name, including "The Dark Knight Rises," "Everybody Wants Some!!" and "The Expendables 3." He is currently filming with the cast of "Guernsey," a movie inspired by the New York Times bestseller, "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society."



Actor Glen Powell attends a screening of "Hidden Figures" at the SVA Theatre in New York.



A poster for the film "Hidden Figures," in which SigEp Glen Powell plays astronaut John Glenn.



Alumni from the entertainment industry attend a networking event at O+O Sicilian Kitchen in Santa Monica, a restaurant created by owner Chef Georgi Yanev and General Manager Jonathan Behm, Central Florida '98.

Alumni in entertainment industry organize in Los Angeles

On March 12, 2017, 15 Los Angeles-area alumni involved in the entertainment industry gathered at O+O Sicilian Kitchen in Santa Monica to mingle and talk shop. The brothers are part of a new effort to bring together SigEp alumni to spark creative connections. Another goal is to help one another navigate the industries of film, television, animation, stage, talent management, new media, advertising, radio, publishing and journalism.

The group was organized by Todd Grodnick, Southern California '79; Jason Lubin, Southern California '09; and Richard Lutz, Washington State '10. The brothers plan to hold at least three events each year and ultimately provide mentorship and educational opportunities.

To learn more and get involved, visit the Facebook group *Sigma Phi Epsilon Hollywood Alumni* or email sigepshollywood@gmail.com.



Michael Short, then the director of rapid response for the Republican National Committee, sits at his laptop inside the war room for the party during the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

MICHAEL WITKOWSKI/CORBIS

Texas Tech brother takes communication experience to the White House

Michael Short, Texas Tech '08, was named senior assistant press secretary to the White House in January 2017. "Working for the president of the United States is an incredible responsibility but also a tremendous privilege," Short said. "Every day you walk into the West Wing of the White House you can feel the history and the weight of the decisions that get made there. There's nothing else like it on Earth."

Short took his White House role after serving as director of rapid response and national spokesman for the Republican National Committee. His fast-rising career has also included work with the National Republican Senatorial Committee, the Washington office of U.S. Rep. Adrian Smith and the successful 2008 re-election campaign of Sen. John Cornyn.

"I kind of fell into my career in politics by accident, and it so happens that it was all made possible by a fellow SigEp brother," Short said. "As I was finishing up school, I'd envisioned a career in the foreign service or in the military, but that all changed after I got a call from my big brother, who had transferred to the University of Texas and was working on Senator Cornyn's reelection campaign. They needed me to go to an event his opponent was attending in Lubbock and videotape it, and the rest is history. ... Who knew walking through that red door at Texas Iota in the fall of 2005 would lead me here? I'm very lucky."



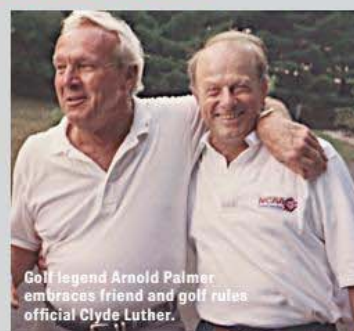
Austin-based alumnus has work featured on billboards across city

Joseph Santandrea, Rochester '92, was one of 10 artists selected from 256 as a 2016 Austin Art Boards contest winner. His sculpture, *Do What You Should*, will be seen on a billboard that moves around Austin, Texas, in 2017. Santandrea cites creative influences as diverse as the poetry of Rumi and the pop art of Ed Ruscha.

Santandrea, who works full time for Dell in marketing, has made art with words for more than 20 years. "I credit the SigEp Balanced Man philosophy with helping me pursue my many passions in life and finding success in all of them," he said.

Renowned golf official inducted into Virginia Golf Hall of Fame

Clyde Luther, Nebraska '51, was inducted into the inaugural class of the Virginia Golf Hall of Fame in 2016. Luther, a retired commercial airline and U.S. Air Force pilot, is a nationally known expert on the Rules of Golf. From 2000 to 2011, he was the chief rules official of the NCAA Division I golf championship. He was also the head golf rules official for the Atlantic Coast Conference from 1991 to 2015. By the time of his hall of fame induction, Luther had been a volunteer rules official for more than 120 United States Golf Association championships, three Presidents Cups, The Masters and the PGA Championship.



Golf legend Arnold Palmer embraces friend and golf rules official Clyde Luther.

Alumnus leads youth delegation at World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates

Louis Venturelli, Quinnipiac '11, coordinated a delegation of nearly 600 students from around the world, including undergraduate SigEps, for the 2017 World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates in Bogotá, Colombia. Twenty-five Nobel Peace Prize winners were in attendance at the summit, including Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos, who hosted the event. Venturelli's delegation included Femi Palmer, Pennsylvania '19, and Quinnipiac brothers Matt Bluementhal, '17; Thierno Diallo, '18; Connor Leavell, '17; Aris Mantopoulos, '17; Joey Mullaney, '17; and Kalif Rollock, '18.

Venturelli, a 2011 SigEp Zollinger Senior, is the youth program officer for the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates. In addition to organizing the annual delegation, he serves as a program facilitator for the three-day event. He previously led delegations for the summit in Chicago, Warsaw, Cape Town, Rome and Barcelona.



Louis Venturelli (right) joined Dr. Carlos Trotta, president of Doctors Without Borders Latin America (center), and Phil Lord, clerk of the American Friends Service Committee, at a community dialogue during the 2017 World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates.

Reflecting on the mission and impact of the summit, Venturelli wrote, "Peace starts within all of us, within our homes and within our hearts. It can be achieved in humane ways, and it will always prevail. I'm honored to be a part of a team that promotes these values throughout the world."

Kansas State's Brett Bartholomew teaches top pro athletes to build sound mind and body

By **DREW McCART**, Kansas State '11

Strength and conditioning coach **Brett Bartholomew**, Kansas State '08, has trained some of the world's best athletes, including 2016 Super Bowl MVP Von Miller and All-Pro tight end Rob Gronkowski. "I've had the pleasure of coaching NFL, UFC and special forces athletes," said Bartholomew. "I work with them on speed, agility and movement-based training and have helped them build strength and conditioning in the weight room. I also help athletes sharpen their speaking skills."

As the founder of Bartholomew Strength, a performance consulting business for athletes, coaches and corporations, Bartholomew also travels internationally to speak to groups about human performance, culture and leadership. "My favorite part about my profession is the relationships I develop with these tremendous athletes," he said. "Mentoring people from the inside out and helping them learn what they are capable of achieving is one of the best feelings."

Bartholomew believes his career trajectory started with roles he held as an undergraduate SigEp, including social chairman, risk management chairman, and Sound Mind and Sound

Body chairman. "These roles gave me a taste of what it's like in the professional world and inspired me to use the wealth of knowledge I gained in Kansas Beta with the athletes I train every day."

Today, SigEp values are at the core of Bartholomew's business. "I owe a lot of my success to the 'sound mind, sound body' mentality that Kansas Beta embraced. I admired the chapter's commitment to upholding the fraternal values and began utilizing these values in my everyday life. I very likely wouldn't have the rewarding career I wake up to every morning if it weren't for Kansas Beta," he said.

The mind-body connection is at the core of Bartholomew's work with his clients. "The quality of any training session is directly correlated with the intention behind each movement," he said in a recent interview with *outsideonline.com*. "You should be completely focused on each and every rep. Research shows that your mind cues your body and helps with force production."

"I'm really trying to get other coaches and athletes to embrace what I call



Bartholomew works with UFC fighter Luke Rockhold.

'conscious coaching' or 'conscious training.' Don't just go with the flow. Use your head. Whether you are considering a new exercise, program or nutrition strategy, look for evidence that something *actually* works," he said.

Bartholomew discusses these ideas in his recently published book, "Conscious Coaching: The Art and Science of Building Buy-In." The book, which is available on Amazon, also explores the science and art of bettering one's life in the areas of training and leadership management.

When he is not hard at work with clients, Bartholomew is busy developing his own sound mind and body. He stays balanced by reading, hiking, training and boxing. He also enjoys spending time with his wife, Liz, and their family, friends and dogs.

Despite his busy schedule, Bartholomew stays connected with Kansas Beta brothers, including **Adam Griffin**, '07; **Larry Duncan**, '07; and **Drew McCart**, '11. He also attends chapter events when possible. "My continued support of Kansas Beta has allowed me to be a mentor to the undergraduates and reinforce important life lessons that will help them excel not only in the Fraternity but in all aspects of life," he said. "It is my hope that our brothers will also use their resources, knowledge and talents to make a meaningful impact on future generations and ensure our chapter's continued excellence."

To learn more about Bartholomew's work, visit bartholomewstrength.com.



Bartholomew works with NFL veteran James Anderson at the gym. Anderson is one of the all-time leading tacklers in Carolina Panthers history.



Porter (right) meets with Westmoreland Park neighborhood association leader Billy White, an integral partner to ACT's work in that neighborhood.

Former trial lawyer answers a calling to transform Dallas' inner city

By SAM MALONE, Texas-Austin '18

Poverty affects its victims in many ways, cascading one set of problems over another. People already struggling with daily life are victimized a second time when drugs and prostitution move into their already impoverished neighborhoods. Property values drop while an expanding presence of violence and crime forces law-abiding citizens into lives of complacency and fear because they lack the resources to move or reclaim their communities.

The bad news is that Dallas, Texas, is just one of many U.S. cities dealing with the difficulties associated with poverty. The good news is that one inspired resident of the city decided there was something that could be done to help community members fight back against crime in their neighborhoods.

Enter Reid Porter, Texas-Austin '99, founder and president of Advocates for Community Transformation (ACT), an inner-city justice ministry based in West Dallas with a mission to support communities oppressed by crime and urban blight. Through education, legal representation and spiritual guidance, ACT works to empower residents with tools to take back their neighborhoods and improve them.

Porter's organization has a simple goal when entering a neighborhood: a



Porter tours a West Dallas neighborhood with local community leaders.

50 percent reduction in crime over a five-year period. Its members do this by helping residents find a resolution for at least 75 percent of the drug houses in their community. "ACT partners with top-ranked law firms to come alongside inner-city residents. Together, they hold the owners of drug houses accountable. We'll go all the way to the courthouse with them if necessary," Porter said. In its history, ACT has resolved 83 cases in West Dallas alone and recently expanded outreach to South Dallas with similar goals in mind.

ACT also partners with the Dallas Police Department, the city attorney's office, local churches and Southern Methodist University's Center on Research and Evaluation. While removing drug

houses is the major mission of ACT, the organization also provides services such as support networks for local community leaders, prayer walks and Bible studies. "Our ultimate hope is that the spiritual lives of those we serve will mirror the physical transformation that we seek. The result is a community transformed," reflected Porter.

Porter founded ACT in 2009 after leaving a career as a trial lawyer to pursue a calling to revitalize the inner city. He began his work in the West Dallas neighborhoods of Westmoreland Park and Ledbetter Gardens. In 2012, he expanded ACT to Westmoreland Heights, Cross Hampton and Victory Gardens. Not only did ACT accomplish its five-year goal in its first two target neighborhoods, crime continued to drop in the following years. Seven years after the organization's work began, crime has gone down by nearly 70 percent in both Westmoreland Park and Ledbetter Gardens.

For his contributions to crime reduction in the city, Porter was recently awarded the 2016 Public Safety Leader Award by Safer Dallas Better Dallas and the Rotary Club of Dallas. Still, it is the individuals Porter serves who best demonstrate the impact of his work. People who previously felt ignored or forgotten have a newfound trust in the city, its police and its judicial system.

When asked about the transformation he's witnessed, Porter spoke about his time on a community advisory council with a man who'd recently had a drug house removed from his street. They sat together in prayer as the man thanked God for being able to walk around his neighborhood in peace and quiet, cherishing the view of children playing in their yards without fear of guns or violence.

Porter credits his undergraduate experience as his chapter's chaplain and standards chair with teaching him how to help those he cares about while remaining able to uphold his moral code. In a time of divisiveness and harsh rhetoric, Porter's example shows what it truly means to be a socially active member of a community and what it takes to make a difference in people's lives.

Two SigEps among 2017 Rhodes Scholars

By **BEN FORD**, Arkansas Tech Renaissance

The Rhodes Scholarship is considered by many to be one of the most prestigious international fellowships. The program provides full financial support for its recipients to pursue graduate study at the University of Oxford. Each year, 32 students from the United States receive this honor. In 2017, two of them were members of SigEp.

“Rhodes Scholars are chosen not only for their outstanding scholarly achievements, but for their character, commitment to others and to the common good, and for their potential for leadership in whatever domains their careers may lead,” wrote Elliot Gerson, American secretary of the Rhodes Trust, on rhodesscholar.org.



Josh Carter in front of the Strand Union Building on the Montana State campus.

Josh Carter, Montana State '17, plans to pursue a master's in physiology, anatomy and genetics at Oxford — and if his undergraduate degrees in mechanical engineering and microbiology are any indication, he will flourish in the program. Carter spent his undergraduate years researching the molecular mechanisms of disease and the development of prosthetics. His work has been published in academic journals, including *Science*. Eventually, he hopes to develop smart prosthetics and make them readily available to people across the globe.

Carter credits his SigEp experience with an important role in his development. “From the moment I joined, I’ve had older brothers who were Rhodes finalists, Goldwater Scholars and just all-around incredible individuals,” he said. “As I moved forward, serving as a chapter officer, going to Carlson Leadership Academy, and serving as the Residential Learning Community chair, the experience helped me develop my leadership and community outreach skills that have helped to make me qualified for a Rhodes Scholarship.”

Fellow 2017 Rhodes Scholar **Noah Remnick, Yale '15**, also said his chapter brothers played an important role in his college experience. “I was really lucky to be surrounded in my chapter of SigEp



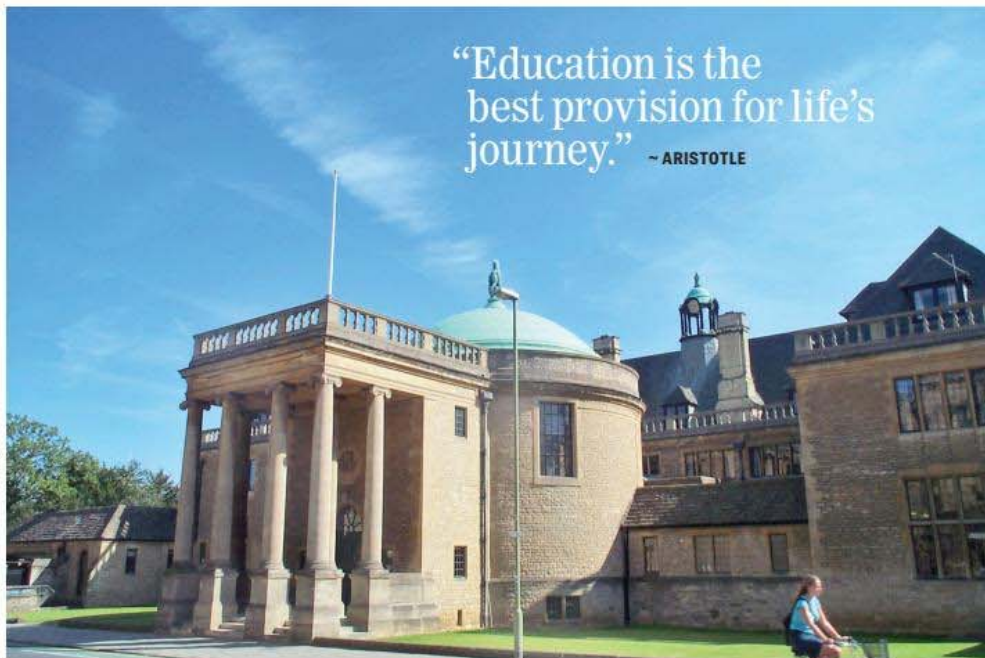
Noah Remnick at his 2015 Yale graduation.

by a group of guys who were always challenging and encouraging me,” Remnick said. “I learned as much from them as I did from a lot of my classes.”

As an undergraduate at Yale, Remnick was a staff writer for

the Yale Herald and editor-in-chief for both *The Politic* and the Yale Historical Review. In 2015, he received a SigEp National Competition Scholarship.

After graduating, Remnick was named a James Reston Reporting Fellow with *The New York Times*. He remains a reporter with the paper. His work includes feature articles, news stories and investigative reporting, including an article on police abuse of transgender people that led to a change in police policy. At Oxford, he plans to study history and public policy with a focus on race and urban politics in order to better inform his future work.



The Rhodes House in Oxford is home to the offices of the Rhodes Scholarship and Rhodes Trust.

“Education is the best provision for life’s journey.” ~ ARISTOTLE

Schwarzman Scholarship moves into second year with larger class of SigEps

By **BEN FORD**, Arkansas Tech Renaissance

The recently founded Schwarzman Scholarship program was modeled after the Rhodes Scholarship but seeks to prepare students for a changing geopolitical landscape. Schwarzman Scholars study leadership skills and the Chinese language and culture while pursuing master's degrees through Tsinghua University in Beijing. "A win-win relationship of mutual respect and understanding between China and the West is vital to continued global peace and prosperity," said program founder Stephen Schwarzman at the scholars' 2016 convocation. Schwarzman is chairman and CEO of global investment firm Blackstone Group.

The inaugural class of Schwarzman Scholars included SigEp member **Jake Gaba, Dartmouth '16**. Of the 57 U.S. students selected for the program's second year, three are SigEps: **Clay Garner, Stanford '17**; **Riley Shearer, Montana State '17**; and **Paul Wasserman, Yale '14**.

Clay Garner, a student of East Asian studies, is interested in the Chinese party-state system and the global aspirations of Chinese corporations. He has gained practical experience with security issues in the Asia-Pacific region as a research assistant to former U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan, Karl Eikenberry.

Garner's interest in China is also cultural. He has built a following as a pop musician and TV personality in China, and received a 2014 fellowship that enabled him to work at a TV station in Taiwan. He has also co-hosted nearly 30 episodes of the Beijing talk show "Beijingke." "I am passionate about contributing to international understanding and peacebuilding," said Garner. "My goal is to become a positive leader in media production and U.S. foreign policy."

Fellow Schwarzman Scholar Paul Wasserman has also gained critical experience as a research assistant. He is currently working in the office of the late Zbigniew Brzezinski, former national security advisor to President Jimmy Carter, at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Wasserman graduated from Yale with a bachelor's degree in history and a focus on Russian and East European studies. He was the recipient of a 2012 SigEp Study Abroad Scholarship and later a Fulbright fellowship, which allowed him to study in Russia for a year. During his time in China, he plans to study the country's economic initiative, "One Belt, One Road," and its impact on Central Asia as well as its geostrategic implications for Russia and the United States.

Reflecting on SigEp's impact on his academic and career interests, Wasserman said, "SigEp helped expose me to new ideas and diverse cultures. I am fortunate to have met several SigEp alumni, both from Yale and elsewhere, who have provided insight and advice as I have navigated the foreign policy world."

SigEp's third Schwarzman Scholar this year, Riley Shearer, is pursuing a career in international health policy and hopes to address global health inequalities. His undergraduate work



Schwarzman College, home of the Schwarzman Scholars program, on the campus of Beijing's Tsinghua University.

combined degrees in economics, chemical engineering and biochemistry. He has also designed and implemented sanitation systems in Kenya through Engineers Without Borders. In addition to his global affairs and public policy coursework at Tsinghua University, he will have the opportunity to observe and participate in conversations about China's current health care reform.

Shearer is a 2017 SigEp Zollinger Senior and has held several leadership positions within the Fraternity, including Student Director and chapter officer roles. "The continuing support of undergraduates and alumni, as well as national leadership programming, has made me a more confident and able leader," he said.



Clay Garner performs onstage at Youku.com's 2012 annual gala. He has built a following as a pop musician and TV personality in China.



Student Director Riley Shearer will use his degrees to study health inequalities from a multidisciplinary perspective.



Paul Wasserman celebrates after completing the 2016 Marine Corps Marathon in Arlington, Va.

Zollinger Seniors serve as models of the **Balanced Man Ideal**

The J. Edward Zollinger Outstanding Senior Award is presented annually to an outstanding senior from each of SigEp's regional districts. Zollinger Seniors have exhibited excellence in scholarship, community involvement, and Fraternity and campus leadership. They are models of the Balanced Man Ideal and a testament to the power of the SigEp experience.

These awards are made possible by the generosity of Past Grand President and longtime president of SigEp's Educational Foundation, **J. Edward Zollinger, William & Mary '27**, as well as generous gifts made by his wife Lucile, daughter Frances, and son **John Zollinger, Lehigh '57**.



Steven Acchione
Pennsylvania '17
Economics | 3.31 GPA



Acchione is making an impact at home and abroad. He is the CEO of a student-run organization that provides microloans to local entrepreneurs, and his interest in building the global economy earned him a grant to study economic development in Sierra Leone. Since then, he's returned to launch a nonprofit that's working to create educational and economic opportunities in the country. As chaplain of his chapter, he's admired as a leader who treats everyone fairly and makes the effort to get to know each brother on a personal level. A 2015 Ruck Scholar, Acchione previously served as president and vice president of communications of his chapter.



Paul All, Cleveland State '17
Finance | 3.42 GPA

All was appointed by Ohio Governor John Kasich to serve as a student representative to Cleveland State's Board of Trustees. He's also been involved in the student alumni association since his freshman year. He is now president of the organization, a position he uses to passionately promote the group as a resource for students to develop professionally and to network with alumni. All has also served as president of his SigEp chapter. During his term, SigEp was named Cleveland State's Fraternity of the Year, and the chapter is highly regarded by students and university officials. All was a 2016 Tragos Quest to Greece Scholar and plans to pursue a career in government before attending law school.

Sean Ashoff
Pittsburgh '17
History | 3.50 GPA

Elected president of his chapter as a sophomore, Ashoff served for two years as the group navigated difficult times. He is respected by his peers for embodying SigEp's ideals and has played a major role in helping the chapter stay the course in the years following a membership review. He is a selfless team player who helped fund events out of his own pocket when chapter accounts were low. After attending law school, Ashoff hopes to work as a First Amendment lawyer, protecting the right of journalists to free speech. He hopes to eventually preside over free speech cases as a judge. He stays active as a youth soccer coach and CrossFit instructor.



Augustine (left) receives the Zollinger Senior Award at the 2017 Carlson.



Zach Augustine Texas Tech '17

Energy Commerce | 3.96 GPA

Augustine joined his chapter's standards board as a new member of the Fraternity.

He later served as chaplain and played a large role in revamping standards by defining clear sanctions and incorporating them into the chapter's bylaws. During his term as president, the chapter earned its highest-ever average GPA and the highest average GPA achieved by an IFC fraternity in five years. He is also a university ambassador who conducts campus tours for prospective students and has traveled to several recruitment events with the school's president. Augustine was named one of the Top 50 Seniors on Campus by Texas Tech.



Maro "Mac" Croff Arkansas Tech '17

Health & Wellness | 3.85 GPA

Croff is a former chapter president, vice president of recruitment and social media chairman.

Outside of SigEp, he has helped organize social events on campus for two years as a member of the student activities board and has served as a senator in the student government association. For the past three years, he has been an orientation leader, helping incoming freshmen make the transition to college. He plans to attend a graduate program for physical therapy and eventually start his own practice. Not surprisingly, he exercises regularly and is a competitive weightlifter.



Brett Cutler, Utah '16

Nutritional Biochemistry | 3.91 GPA

A member of Utah's honors college with plans to attend medical school, Cutler was involved heavily in undergraduate research.

He won an award as an outstanding researcher in his school's college of health for his work exploring the nutritional benefits of anthocyanins found in blueberries. He also volunteered and managed a local student-run clinic. A member of Naval ROTC,



he received numerous promotions. Cutler also co-founded the university's power-lifting team. As chapter president, he guided his brothers through a difficult period in the chapter's history and was able to lift morale and get the group back on course.



Foote (right) hikes with SigEp brothers outside of Boulder, Colo.

Parker Foote, Drake '17

Data Analytics | 3.63 GPA

Foote has served as his chapter's vice president of communications and was a 2015 Ruck Scholar.

An avid weightlifter, he has been a member of the university weightlifting club for his entire college career. He has served as a peer mentor and academic consultant for new students on the Drake campus. He has also held an internship at the school of business for two semesters, including a position this past summer that allowed him to use his actuarial skills. Foote has accepted a full-time job with the life reinsurance company SCOR Global Life that he will begin after graduation. His new employer was so impressed by his skills that he's already working for the company part-time.

Jim Haney Truman State '17

Health Science | 3.20 GPA

Haney has balanced academics, campus involvement and leadership within his chapter. He

accomplished this while supporting himself financially throughout his college career. A member of Blue Key Honor Society, he served as vice president of member development for SigEp's Truman State Chapter as it transitioned to the Balanced Man Program. He is also part of the Student Public Health Association and plans to pursue a career in health care business management. He assisted the chapter's AVC in starting a fundraising campaign to buy its house. In addition to working several jobs to support himself throughout college, Haney has held a wellness internship, assisting fellow students with their personal health care goals. He plans to pursue an MBA after graduation.



Ralph Herz South Florida '16

Finance & Accounting | 3.91 GPA

Herz has balanced two demanding majors, involvement as an honors student, and a post as chapter president, all while maintaining an outstanding GPA. He was a member of

South Florida's Provost's Scholars program and served as a student senator. Making decisions based on his values, he maintained his opinion under considerable pressure as chairman of the senate impeachment committee during controversial hearings. As chapter president, he helped his brothers rebuild after a membership review, drastically increasing Florida Iota's retention rate and reducing its debt. Selected for a business school scholarship and named one of the school's 25 under 25, Herz was also a 2015 Ruck Scholar. Since graduating in December, he has worked as an investment banking analyst with BB&T.



Ross Kruse, Davidson '17

Math & Computer Science | 3.76 GPA

Interested in sports statistics, Kruse has worked with Davidson's athletic department to help manage men's basketball statistics since his freshman year. He created a website and Twitter account for the team, and he recruited writers for analytical articles about the basketball team's performance. Kruse has served his chapter as philanthropy chair and Phi Challenge coordinator. Before his junior year, he was selected for the Ruck Leadership Institute. That year, he worked with members of the university administration to develop a sexual misconduct policy for the chapter.



Nick Lednicky Texas-Austin '17

Finance | 3.96 GPA

Lednicky implemented several initiatives as chapter president and vice president of recruitment, including establishing an academic mentoring committee and increasing the chapter's

philanthropic efforts. He was chosen to join a service organization that admits only 25 men each semester and chaired a fundraiser for the group that brought in \$25,000 for a local charity. In addition to his finance major, he has taken computer science classes for fun. Lednicky was one of a handful of students selected for a rigorous career preparation program and recently accepted a position where he will manage deals in the energy sector for a large investment bank.

Brandon Malekie Loyola Marymount '17

Accounting | 3.37 GPA

Malekie has served his chapter as vice president of member development, vice president for RLC, Sigma Challenge coordinator and Phi Challenge coordinator.

As vice president for RLC, he managed his chapter's thriving relationships with advisors and faculty fellows. He also helped develop a university course for the chapter, "Critical Issues Facing Greeks." Malekie is a recipient of an accounting scholarship from Loyola Marymount. He was also selected as a Rains Scholar by the university and conducted research using Civil War-era manuscripts. He is a volunteer for the university's archaeology center, a member of the accounting society, a safety officer, and a member of the club lacrosse team.



Malekie (left) hangs out with a coworker during an internship with Deloitte & Touche.



Christopher Markum Rensselaer '17

Nuclear & Mechanical
Engineering | 3.71 GPA

As his chapter's scholarship chair, Markum managed an academic support program to help every brother do his best in the classroom. He is respected throughout the chapter and is often called on when brothers need help resolving a difference of opinion.

He was elected chapter president after stints as vice president of recruitment and vice president of programming. Markum is a member of Rensselaer's track and field team as well as its student government association. He makes time for 150 hours of community service each year with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity. He is also a member of the Phalanx Honor Society for seniors, Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society, and Pi Tau Sigma Mechanical Engineering Honor Society.

Ben Miller Christopher Newport '17

Integrated Biology | 4.00 GPA

Miller plans to be a cardiologist and advance the treatment of heart disease. He has served as a research assistant to a professor studying the disease and completed multiple study abroad trips to learn how health care is managed outside the United States. As a university tutor, Miller leads group study sessions in organic chemistry and provides individual tutoring in several other subjects. He has also mentored freshmen for the past three years as a resident assistant. A Bonner Service Scholar, Miller is a team



leader for an organization that encourages youth to volunteer and coordinates dozens of programs each year that help them to give back to the community. He plans to attend the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine next fall.

Jeremy Nafus Lawrence Tech '16

Information Technology | 3.38 GPA

A two-time vice president of finance for his SigEp chapter, Nafus also served on numerous chapter committees and as a co-coordinator for the Sigma, Phi and Epsilon Challenges.

He was consistently among the top 10 brothers in his chapter in terms of GPA and encouraged others to stay focused on their coursework. His passion for helping people also extended to his involvement in other organizations. For several years, Nafus served as an orientation leader and mentor to incoming freshmen. He maintains a commitment to sound body by working out and playing hockey.



Zachary Nielsen Northwest Missouri '17

Business Management & Marketing | 3.70 GPA

Nielsen has held a number of leadership roles within his chapter, including vice president of programming and member of the recruitment committee.

He also reorganized his chapter's Phi and Epsilon Challenges while serving as vice president of member development. As a member of the Northwest Missouri student senate for four years and its organizational affairs chairman, he oversaw the more than 150 student

organizations on campus. Nielsen is an orientation leader for incoming business students. He also interns with the university's athletic department. His career ambition is to work in administration at a university athletic department and eventually become an athletic director.



Olsen (right) hangs out with SigEp chapter brothers after the 2017 UDance event.

Evan Olsen, Delaware '17

Exercise Science & Applied Nutrition | 3.87 GPA

Olsen is a role model to younger brothers and challenges others to put forth their best effort. For two years, he has given back to the community as a board member for UDance, the school's largest student-run philanthropy. In 2017, the organization raised \$1.89 million to increase awareness of pediatric cancer and help families affected by the disease in its many forms. His volunteer work to help cure the sick coincides with his plans to become a doctor. In fact, he's already gotten a jump start on his career by working as a volunteer researcher at Weill Cornell Medical Center in New York City. Olsen keeps up the sound body component of SigEp's Balanced Man Ideal by competing on the university's club swim team.

Chad Phillips Baker '17

Biology | 3.87 GPA



Phillips served as a SigEp chapter officer for three years and recently concluded a term as president. He is driven to plan and execute chapter programming and member development activities that align with the ideals of the Fraternity. He is an award-winning photographer who works on the campus newspaper and has served as a Big Brother with Big Brothers Big Sisters for nearly two years. Phillips is a member of the university golf team and served as co-captain this year. He has maintained his excellent GPA despite a match schedule that requires him to miss several classes each semester. Phillips gained early admission to dental school and plans to work as a general dentist or orthodontist.

Jack Peters Connecticut '18

Biomedical Engineering & Electrical Engineering | 3.98 GPA

Peters is a vital part of academic and student life on his campus, serving as both a teaching assistant and residence hall advisor.

He also holds officer positions in an engineering society and a residence hall association, participates in robotics competitions, and plays intramural soccer. He's served his chapter as Phi Challenge coordinator and academic chair and has also been a member of the standards board. Peters is known throughout the chapter for his ability to calmly analyze a situation, and brothers frequently turn to him when they need



advice. After graduation, this well-rounded senior hopes to work in research and design of surgical instruments and health monitoring systems before attending graduate school.

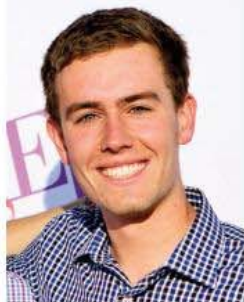


Rahul Rakhit Boston C. '17

Biology & Bioinformatics | 3.40 GPA

While taking some of the hardest science courses at his school, Rakhit still found time to eat almost every meal with his SigEp chapter brothers. That way he could keep up with all that was going on in their lives. He recently

concluded a term as chapter president; before that, he served as vice president of recruitment. Within the chapter, he was a motivating force known for radiating positive energy. He has encouraged brothers to aspire to higher academic standards and revitalized recruitment using the Balanced Man Scholarship. Rakhit is currently pursuing a master's degree in biotechnology and entrepreneurship at Tufts University.



Riley Shearer Montana State '17

Chemical Engineering & Economics | 4.00 GPA

A member of his school's honors college and a Goldwater Scholar, Shearer handles a daunting course of study with ease. A recipient of the prestigious Schwarzman Scholarship, he'll attend graduate school in China, where he will

study health care policy. Having served his chapter as chaplain and president, he is one of three undergraduate brothers from across the country currently serving on SigEp's National Board of Directors. On campus, he is president of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Through involvement in Engineers Without Borders, he helped design water systems and was selected to travel to Kenya to help implement the systems.

Eric Smith Valparaiso '17

Political Science & Economics | 3.97 GPA

Smith is a member of the Kemper Scholars Program, a prestigious scholarship and career development program. He also participates in Valparaiso's honors program as a member of its advisory board. With a passion for ensuring that his peers are living and learning in safe environments, Smith cofounded an organization that brings fraternities and sororities together to create awareness about sexual assault prevention. This year, he's leading the IFC while serving as his chapter's Phi Challenge coordinator, senior marshal and social media chairman. Smith is also a violinist in the Valparaiso University Symphony Orchestra, a member of the school's mock trial team and a coach to freshman debaters. Smith enjoys running in his spare time and has completed three half marathons.



Jacob Springmeyer Nevada-Reno '17

Electrical Engineering | 3.30 GPA

Springmeyer has led his chapter as president and his entire campus as vice president of the student government.

He also served as Sigma Challenge coordinator, helped his chapter redevelop its Balanced Man Program experience for new members, and was selected for the Tragos Quest to Greece and the Ruck Leadership Institute. Serving in the student government at his university, Springmeyer oversaw Nevada-Reno's



internship program and helped reorganize its new student orientation programming. He also helped organize a 5,000-person parade and 10,000-person festival for the school. Springmeyer plans to attend graduate school before starting his own company.



Matteo Valles Georgia Tech '17

Mechanical Engineering | 3.78 GPA

A former chapter president and vice president of recruitment, Valles has also served as president of his school's IFC. He helped his chapter increase the average GPA of its members to an all-time high and worked with his AVC to massively increase alumni donations. As IFC president, he has helped equip other fraternity and sorority leaders with the resources required to better promote mental health. He has also served as a freshman orientation leader and is a member of two honor societies, Omicron Delta Kappa and Tau Beta Pi. In recognition of his abilities and contributions, Valles was previously selected to attend SigEp's Tragos Quest to Greece and the Ruck Leadership Institute.

Chapter News



Valparaíso Chapter brothers Matthew Sherrier, '17, Matthew Janke, '17, and Michael McIntyre, '17, organized Valparaíso's 2016 TEDx event as board members. Their SigEp Chapter Counselor Ryan Bye, Valparaíso Renaissance, advised the event's leadership team along with Carrie Whittier, a 2016 SigEp Distinguished Volunteer Award recipient. Pictured, from back left: TEDx board members and mentors Jon Bull, Emma Pisello, Carrie Whittier, Breanna Heilicher, Michael Beaver, Mike McIntyre, Ryan Bye, Matt Smok, Amy Lowery and Ron Blatz. From front left: Matt Janke, Emily Kunkle and Matt Sherrier.

Valparaíso brothers have 'ideas worth sharing' at TEDx

By MATTHEW JANKE, Valparaíso '17

In November 2016, Valparaíso University hosted its second annual TEDx event, an independent spinoff of the international TED conferences that host conversations on wide-ranging topics including education, business, science, technology and creativity. Valparaíso's event is a student-run program, and three of its seven board members this year were undergraduate SigEps. Three other SigEps — all Valparaíso alumni — were selected as speakers for the program, despite the fact that the undergraduates and alumni were unaware of their shared fraternal connection until well into the event's planning stage. In the run-up to the event, other brothers volunteered their time as well, with a total of 10 Valparaíso SigEps assisting in the planning and execution of the event.

"There seems to be a special story here of the connection of Sigma Phi Epsilon to leadership and being thought leaders who have 'ideas worth sharing' (the TEDx tagline)," wrote Carolyn Whittier, lead staff advisor for the event.

The 2016 event — themed "Dare to Build" — examined how leaders are implementing bold visions to build tomorrow's future. The SigEps behind the event said they hope to challenge convention with a constructive attitude and to inspire change and innovation that would spread beyond their Northwest Indiana campus.



William Yonker, Valparaíso '82, serves as senior pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in East Dundee, Ill. Yonker was named one of the 150 most influential Valparaíso alumni of the last 150 years. In his speech, "Recognizing and Revitalizing the Best Thing in Life: Good Relationships," Yonker spoke about the importance of establishing and cultivating meaningful relationships.



Nicholas Skytland, Valparaíso '02, is a NASA data scientist with a passion for human space flight. He serves within the Technology and Innovation Division of the Office of the Chief Information Officer at NASA headquarters. In his speech, "Our Boldest Dreams," Skytland detailed how NASA inspired and enabled him to pursue his dreams. He encouraged conference attendees to pursue their dreams as well.



Lee Murphy, Valparaíso '85, is the CEO of Inespera Health, a business focused on improving the health of people living with multiple chronic conditions. In his speech, "Making Health Care Personal Again," Murphy identified weaknesses in our current health care system in treating multiple chronic illnesses and provided insights into new treatment approaches.



The examined life: a professor's quest to help young men clarify personal values

By MIKE McDOWELL, Nevada-Reno '03

"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why." This quote, frequently attributed to Mark Twain, serves as the inspiration for a class being taught at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln by SigEp Faculty Fellow Deb Mullen. It provides something many academic curricula neglect: an opportunity for students to examine their life purpose in an effort to become the person they say they want to be.

While many students are consumed with learning how to simply recite facts, the SigEps taking this course are taught how to analyze, synthesize and evaluate the information in the world around them.

"In this class, they can explore who they want to be, not just what they want to be."

Influenced by the Fraternity's cardinal principles of Virtue, Diligence and Brotherly Love, the class encourages students to discuss ethical behavior, choices and philosophy. In this class, students are actually emboldened to face hot topics such as abortion, gay rights and religion. In fact, common field trips include visits to a Jewish temple, Islamic center, Christian church and Buddhist center to discuss the rich spiritual diversity present within the United States. The students even explore the concept of manhood through movies such as "Boyz in the Hood."

"This class threw me for a loop," said Chapter President **Corey Archer, Nebraska '18**. "Whether it's with the Fraternity or friends, it's easy to have groupthink and do similar things. This class forced us to try things we hadn't before, to talk about things we hadn't before and to go places we hadn't before. We've all grown because of this class."

Mullen developed the curriculum and has been teaching the class to SigEps for seven years. She notes that college students don't have many places where



"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."

~ ARISTOTLE



Clockwise from top: Faculty Fellow Deb Mullen leads a discussion at SigEp's Nebraska Residential Learning Community. Brothers enrolled in her course visit the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. Nebraska brothers tour the United States Capitol Rotunda.

they can be vulnerable and express their fears without being mocked. They don't know how to ask for this experience or even who to ask. Mullen's classroom provides the right environment for students to think deeply and abstractly about their own lives and the world around them.

"In college, students may learn how to be an accountant, but will they learn to be good men, good leaders or good fathers?" Mullen asked. "In this class, they can explore who they want to be, not just what they want to be."

The SigEps in Mullen's class aren't the only ones benefitting from their time together. She loves the opportunity she's had to see her work impact her students'

lives. "I get a front row seat in watching young men mature," Mullen reflected. "I get to watch them move into the next stages of their lives. To know I've had a part in that maturation is an amazing blessing for me."

Members of SigEp's Nebraska Chapter know what a special volunteer they have in Mullen. Undergraduates and alumni alike sing her praises for both the unique program she built and the genuine care she has for SigEps. They not only describe her as one of the chapter's greatest assets, they describe her as a friend.

Minnesota brothers and guests take their seats for the presentation of the chapter's 100th anniversary proclamation on Sept. 23, 2016. SigEp Director of Advancement Matthew Parrish, Georgia '08, presented the proclamation on behalf of the National Board of Directors.



SigEp celebrates 100th anniversary at Minnesota

By ZACH KRAUSE, Minnesota '10

The Minnesota Alpha Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon was founded at the University of Minnesota on April 15, 1916. While the chapter was dormant from 1958 to 1978, it has been a cornerstone of Minnesota student involvement since its return to campus. The chapter commemorated its 100th anniversary on April 15, 2016, with undergraduates and over 40 local alumni attending a barbeque where plans for a larger, fall celebration were announced.

More than 250 brothers and guests attended the 100-year celebration on Sept. 23-24. Over 100 alumni traveled from both coasts and many states for the largest meeting of Minnesota Alpha alumni since the chapter was rechartered. The gathering included a banquet, service event, speakers, house tours and a tailgate party prior to the University of Minnesota football game that ended with the school's Golden Gophers winning over the Colorado State Rams.

At the Friday evening celebration, the chapter also welcomed longtime chef Aloma Gibson into the Fraternity through the Renaissance of Brotherhood.

Gibson has served the Minnesota Chapter as chef for over 23 years and is an important part of the chapter's history and culture. Throughout his time with the brothers, Gibson has exhibited the values required of a SigEp, and the chapter was excited to formalize his connection to the brotherhood.

A second major highlight of the weekend-long celebration was the announcement of the chapter's Second Century Capital Campaign. The campaign will provide for necessary renovations to the chapter home, and many undergraduates will see an immediate impact in their surroundings since work is expected to start this summer. Alumni kicked off the campaign by making commitments toward its \$350,000 goal. Major commitments were made by Alumni and Volunteer Corporation President Matt Beck, Iowa '90; District Governor David McLaughlin, Minnesota '92; Jason Somrock, Minnesota '02; and Jeff Somrock, Minnesota '05.

Florida International celebrates 30 years of SigEp history

By THOMAS B. JELKE, Florida International '90



Five of Florida Nu's eight Founding Fathers at the chapter's 30th anniversary celebration. From left: Jamie Gomez, '87; Julio Martinez, '87; Tim Benjamin, '87; Manny Becerra, '87; and Ed Santamaria, '88.

The SigEps at Florida International celebrated 30 years of history this spring. On Jan. 21, 2017, 220 attendees met at the Miami Beach Women's Club to celebrate. The gathering included alumni from every year since 1986, when the chapter was first colonized.

The following month, the chapter hosted its Red Door Classic Charity Golf Tournament and raised \$40,000 for three organizations: the Buoniconti Fund, Florida International's First Generation Scholarship Fund and the chapter's SigEp Educational Foundation scholarship fund. In total, 117 golfers participated, including alumni from Florida International, Miami (Florida), Florida Atlantic, Florida State, Austin Peay, Connecticut and Rochester.



Viviana Bovo; Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners Chairman Esteban Bovo, Florida International '87; Fatima Perez; and Florida State Sen. Rene Garcia, Florida International '89, attended the chapter's anniversary celebration at the Miami Beach Women's Club.



The resurrection of Iowa Eta

By **TOM BARTON**, Loras '89

In SigEp, diligence makes the impossible possible. This fall, diligence resurrected the once-great Iowa Eta Chapter at Loras College.

Founded in 1974, SigEp's Loras Chapter won seven consecutive Buchanan Cups from 1977 to 1989. This long run of success was achieved under the guidance of Order of the Golden Heart recipient **Bob McCune**, Bradley '50, before changing campus and chapter environments led to the chapter's decline and closure in 2002.

A campus of about 1,550 students in Dubuque, Iowa, Loras boasted nearly 25 percent Greek involvement in its heyday, mostly with local fraternities and sororities. But by 2012, the university's Greek life had dwindled to just 20 members of a campus sorority. That's when a couple of Loras men stepped up to resurrect SigEp.

To succeed at Loras, a group of undergraduates and a contingent of alumni volunteers looked for opportunities to build something different. One of those opportunities included Loras University President **Jim Collins**, Loras Renaissance. Collins

joined the Fraternity in 1990 and later became one of the most important advocates for the chapter's return.

With the support of Collins, Loras alumni **Tom Kaiser**, '87, and **Tom Barton**, '89, began recruiting volunteers for a new chapter. Their initial team included Barton's wife, Barb, and Loras alumni **Ted Borelli**, '93; **Bob Lange**, Renaissance; **Ryan McClellan**, '00; **Dave Kapler**, '86; **Bart Kintzinger**, '84; and **Jim Sullivan**, '84.

Roman Ciapalo, a professor of philosophy and the Andrew P. Studdert Chair of Business Ethics and Crisis Leadership, accepted a role as faculty fellow. Vice President for Institutional Advancement **Mike Doyle**, Loras Renaissance, also agreed to work with the group and went on to join the Fraternity in 2016. When an enthusiastic young alumnus, **Danny Moore**, '13, emerged as chapter counselor, the initial volunteer team was set.

After each chapter officer was paired with a mentor, the brothers went to work building a sustainable Balanced Man Program. Chapter alumni also supported the return financially, donating \$14,000 for leadership training, member development and the rechartering banquet.

It all worked. On Friday, Sept. 30, 2016, Iowa Eta rechartered. Now, the chapter has to keep thinking big. The scrutiny is intense on a campus as small as Loras, and the brothers are committed to being a valued partner in higher education. They host regular "Lunch and Learns" where SigEps meet with key staff members like President Collins over lunch. They also organize faculty recognition receptions to celebrate their favorite faculty members.

Northwestern secures charter

By **BILLY KOBIN**, Northwestern '18

As the SigEp banner was pulled off an official charter on stage at Northwestern University, all in attendance could see years of hard work and diligence pay off in front of their eyes.

That was the scene at the chartering banquet for the Illinois Lambda Chapter on Oct. 14, 2016. Chapter members, alumni, volunteers, Fraternity staff and National Directors gathered with Northwestern faculty and staff to celebrate the rechartering of the chapter.

Originally founded in 1990, the Northwestern Chapter lost its charter in 2012. Under unusual circumstances, the recolonization process began less than three months later in January 2013. At that time, a new group of students committed themselves to SigEp's cardinal principles and the Balanced Man Program.

"In the beginning, the chapter was faced with extreme difficulty since the recolonization happened almost immediately," said Chapter Counselor **Roy Sye**, Monmouth '13. "There were many times when things

got tough, yet the chapter pushed through, and look where they are today. The chapter recruits mature, balanced men quarter after quarter and participates in the Northwestern and Evanston communities."

The 45-man chapter has outperformed the average campus GPA in seven of the past 10 quarters and most recently achieved a 3.43 GPA. The brothers have successfully implemented both the Balanced Man Program and Balanced Man Scholarship. They are now working on becoming an accredited SigEp Residential Learning Community. The chapter has also committed to practicing sustainable and eco-friendly initiatives at its chapter facility and has received recognition from Northwestern for its efforts.

At the chartering banquet, Student National Director **Jeff Back**, Cincinnati '18, conferred the charter. In addition



to Back and Sye, speakers included AVC President **John Kaiser**, Monmouth '10; former Chapter President **Tom Hyman**, '16; current Chapter President **Andrew Jacobs**, '18; and Northwestern's assistant director of fraternity and sorority life, Charles Andean.

Each speaker conveyed how the chapter has rejected typical images of fraternities and pursued diversity in recruitment. "Our fraternity does not look like all the other fraternities on our campus, and we are proud of that fact," Jacobs said. "We are **proud to now have one of the most ethnically, racially and socioeconomically diverse chapters on our campus.**"



Commander Feustel prepares for third mission to space

By E. SCOTT THOMPSON II, Southern Mississippi '99

“On board the International Space Station, you see 16 sunrises and 16 sunsets in the course of a 24-hour day,”

said Sigma Phi Epsilon Citation recipient **Andrew “Drew” Feustel, Purdue ’89.** The International Space Station — which orbits 250 miles above Earth at 17,500 miles per hour — will soon be Feustel’s home for six months. In March 2018, he will be making his third trip to space. This time, he will be commander of the station during Expedition 56.

Feustel’s most recent trip to the space station was in 2011 as part of STS 134, the penultimate mission of NASA’s Space Shuttle Program. Feustel helped deliver and install the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer, a particle detector used in studying fundamental particles in the vacuum of space. In 2009, he traveled to space as a member of STS 125, the final servicing mission of the iconic Hubble telescope. On those two missions, Feustel spent 28 days beyond the Earth’s atmosphere. His upcoming mission is scheduled to occur over 182 days. Aside from its duration, Feustel’s upcoming mission will be distinct in several ways, with the uniqueness of the voyage already playing out in training.

Since the 2011 retirement of its Space Shuttle Program, NASA has sent astronauts to space through its international partners. Feustel will launch with NASA astronaut Ricky Arnold and Russian cosmonaut Oleg Artemyev on board Soyuz 54 from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. Preparation is spread out over a two-year period, with Feustel spending half of that time in three- to seven-week sprints in Russia training with his international counterparts. This way, they will become closer crewmates, but that doesn’t mean there aren’t challenges.

NASA astronaut Andrew Feustel conducts a repair to the Hubble Space Telescope as a crew member of the fifth and final space shuttle mission to service the Hubble Space Telescope in 2009.

"We call it 'Renglish,'" Feustel said with a laugh. "It's a mixture of English and Russian, but really we are learning the language of the spacecraft." With the amount of time the crew spends together in the months leading up to their launch, a bond develops. While the astronauts may not speak a common language, they develop a blend of nonverbal communication, anticipation and trust. With a little Renglish thrown in to fill the gaps.

Go, 'SPE' Racer, Go

Feustel transferred to Purdue in 1986 after spending three years at Oakland Community College. He was a residence hall counselor throughout his time at Purdue, and his hall — Cary Quad — was located across the street from SigEp's Indiana Alpha Chapter house. He first met some of the brothers — including **Barrett Scholl, '88**, and **John Sinks, '89** — while on a ski trip with the university ski club. "We became lifelong friends," Feustel said. Sinks became Feustel's big brother in the chapter, and the two stay in touch to this day. In fact, Sinks and his family visited Feustel in Houston in early 2017.

During his time at Oakland Community College, Feustel repaired 1950s-era Jaguars, and this segued into his ambition to chair SigEp's go-kart team in Purdue's famous annual Grand Prix race. Campus student organizations, including each fraternity, funded a team tasked with modifying and racing a go-kart. Feustel led the SigEp squad for three years. "The team was always competitive," he recalled. "We had an operating budget of around \$6,000, which was quite a lot of money in those days, and we bought off-the-shelf karts which we then made slight modifications to."

After graduating with a degree in solid earth sciences, Feustel received a master's degree in geophysics at Purdue and a doctorate in seismology at Queen's University in Ontario, Canada. In 1997, he joined Exxon Mobil, where he designed and oversaw seismic programs as an exploration geophysicist. He was selected by NASA in 2000 and assigned to the Astronaut Office at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

Past Grand President and Order of the Golden Heart recipient **Norm Nabhan, Purdue '71**, read about Feustel's early career success in the Indiana Alpha alumni newsletter. Seeing Feustel was a fellow Houstonian, Nabhan decided to reach out and connect with the young NASA recruit.

"That was 10 years ago. We struck up a friendship and have kept in touch ever since," Feustel said. Prior to Feustel's 2011 space flight, Nabhan provided his friend with several SigEp items to take into space, including a Grand Chapter flag. At the 2011 Conclave, Feustel donated the flag to SigEp Headquarters, where it remains on display inside Zollinger House in Richmond, Virginia.

Commanding the International Space Station

On the International Space Station, Feustel's crew will conduct over 250 research investigations and technology demonstrations that can only be performed in the unique environment of space. The team may also welcome the first astronauts to travel to space aboard a commercial space vehicle. The Dragon — a spacecraft made by American aerospace manufacturer SpaceX — first made history in 2012 when it successfully delivered cargo to the space station. The craft is scheduled for its second history-making mission in 2018, this time returning to the station with its first manned flight to space.

As commander of the space station during Expedition 56, Feustel will be responsible for decisions impacting the morale, health and safety of his crew-

mates. As vital as this role will be, he emphasizes that many other roles carried out during the mission will be just as important. This means that less experienced astronauts can assume what may be thought of as senior roles in their area of expertise, and vice versa. On a mission this important, there has to be universal respect for self and others.

Reflecting on the stresses of living and working — and floating — within the unforgiving confines of space, Feustel emphasized that teamwork is crucial. How are conflicts resolved? He drew on his experiences as a residence hall counselor to explain. "People look at problems and develop solutions based upon their own experience base. We all come from different backgrounds, and yet we often expect to convince others that our answer is the only solution to a problem," he said. "Once you recognize that none of us actually have the same experience base, and therefore may not conclude identical solutions, it becomes much easier to collaboratively find the best solutions. Teamwork is the key!"

Feustel — a husband and father of two — will be 53 when he returns from his third mission to space. After that, it's unclear whether he will suit up again with NASA. With commercial space flights gaining popularity, he may return to an Earth where his skills will have new applications. True to his nature, he hasn't ruled out any possibilities about how far — and how high — the next phase of his career may take him.



In 2010, while preparing for his second mission to space, astronaut Andrew Feustel is assisted into his Extravehicular Mobility Unit spacesuit prior to spacewalk training at the Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory near NASA's Johnson Space Center.

Guiding the peaceful (and effective) transition of power

Louisiana State's Brad Golson works to improve post-election transition at the highest levels of government

By **BEN FORD**, Arkansas Tech Renaissance

Ever tried to start a new job without a job description? It can get thorny pretty quickly.

Now, imagine an entire organization — the most influential in the world — with 4,100 vaguely defined job openings, all new employees and a brand-new CEO. That's the position the executive branch of the U.S. government finds itself in each time a new president is elected.

Thanks to **Brad Golson, Louisiana State '05**, the transition process between presidential administrations has gotten a little smoother. Golson started a one-year appointment in March 2016 with the Center for Presidential Transition, an arm of the Partnership for Public Service tasked with helping incoming and outgoing administrations navigate the transition process after an election. This coordinated, nonpartisan effort was the first of its kind in American presidential history and required buy-in from each of the leading Democratic and Republican campaigns.

"Whether it's national security or economic issues, should something happen, the new president is going to have to deal with it immediately," Golson said. "If they don't have the full background and knowledge of those issues, we're all up a creek. It's just good government and good management, just like if we were a corporation."

As part of his job, Golson managed communication with the outgoing Obama administration, interviewing officials and identifying gaps in

Brad Golson mentors undergraduate SigEps at the Fraternity's Ruck Leadership Institute in 2015. Golson led the first coordinated, nonpartisan transition effort in American presidential history.



their transition process. He and his team gathered resources and data in the months leading up to the election, analyzing it to gather critical insights and background information for the new administration, regardless of who would be elected to lead it.


Perhaps the greatest difficulty with presidential transitions is that new administrations have an average of 70 days between the election and inauguration day. In that time, Golson said, "Appointees are expected to start planning what they're going to do in an agency, but they don't know anything about the agency." Adding to the challenge, campaigns can't have contact with federal agencies before the election, so potential appointees often have a significant knowledge gap.

"There was not one set of files anywhere that had position descriptions for those 4,100 appointees, so it wasn't clear what they do," Golson said. Plus,

he added, it's hard for an administration to pick the right people for the nation's most important positions without job descriptions.

In a way, Golson's experience mirrored that of an incoming administration's. His first task was to create his own job description, as this was the center's first attempt to help guide a presidential transition.

Uniquely qualified for this role, Golson coordinated and managed disaster relief efforts during Hurricane Katrina as Louisiana State University's student body president. After graduation, he moved to Washington, D.C., and took a job with the Partnership for Public Service. Since then, he's worked for the Department of Homeland Security and is currently director of the President's Management Advisory Board with the General Services Administration. A certified project management professional, Golson was a



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natural fit for a role providing best practices for governmental management.

Golson's next task in his new position was to define and fill roles that would be essential to the work ahead. In fact, he said, "Our team started with two people, and by the end of the year it was 20. I was not just hiring them, but helping them grow as leaders."

After building a team, Golson and the center went to work. Well before the election, he and his fellow management experts quickly identified the top 400 appointed roles in the executive branch and federal agencies, and began conducting research. They enlisted transition experts from the Clinton, Bush and Obama administrations and wrote a guide containing accounts and files from those presidencies. Their attention to detail had to be masterful — taken as a whole, these hundreds of positions wield a hefty influence on American governance.

Convincing each campaign to utilize their expertise was a challenge. "The rule of the road was that we're not

taking a side politically. Someone's going to win the election, and it's in the best interests of the American people for them to be able to transition as efficiently and effectively as they can in 73 days," Golson said. "There was no requirement that candidates' teams had to show up to our meetings or use our resources — but they did."

Golson and his team introduced their work at an April 2016 meeting with representatives from all remaining presidential campaigns: Clinton, Cruz, Kasich, Sanders and Trump. "We had to make sure they would walk away and say, 'I can do my job so much better now,'" Golson said.

"The experience truly gave me an opportunity to impact the transition of the next administration and, in a small way, help it run smoother and provide more data to the transition teams," Golson reflected. "It put me in a position to learn a lot more about myself." With the pressure on in an uncertain election, there was a "constant, day-to-day assessment of the value of our work," and Golson certainly performed.

He counts his SigEp experience as a benefit in handling the leadership challenges inherent in a fast-paced Washington job. "My time as an executive board member, Ruck facilitator and Tragos Quest to Greece mentor helped me harness and hone my skills that allowed me to be an effective manager here, to work with some top officials in these campaigns and deliver on a project."

Somehow, Golson finds time to volunteer with SigEp's D.C. Delta Chapter at American University and facilitate at SigEp's Carlson Leadership Academy and Ruck Leadership Institute. When asked how he stays balanced, Golson said, "Carving out time in my schedule to spend time with friends, focusing on myself and doing things like making sure I'm eating healthy and getting a workout in. When I do those things, I'm more effective at everything I'm doing."

And if brothers like Golson can be more effective, our country will be better for it.

Syracuse's Chris Licht is the man behind the scenes of 'The Late Show with Stephen Colbert'

By **ERIN MULLALLY**, Michigan State '99

Having hosted such iconic moments as The Beatles' first American performance, the Ed Sullivan Theater in New York City is one of the world's most historic television studios. In recent years, the CBS studio was home to "Late Show with David Letterman" before giving way in 2015 to "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert." Here, the show's executive producer and showrunner, **Chris Licht, Syracuse '93**, manages the most-watched program in late-night television.

Licht, who is also executive vice president of special programming for CBS, began producing "The Late Show" last spring, transitioning from his roles as the vice president of programming for CBS News and the executive producer of "CBS This Morning."

"The transition has been pretty smooth so far. Stephen tends to do interviews with newsmakers and politicians, so the connection to my news background has been useful. And everyone at CBS has been hugely supportive," he said.

The pressure is intense for Licht as he leads "The Late Show" team against the likes of NBC's "Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" and ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live" in the late-night ratings battle.

"We've tried to differentiate ourselves a little by producing a topical show," said Licht. "We tackle the main news issues of the day, which also gives Stephen the chance to shine with some of his political savvy."

"A definite highlight was pulling off live broadcasts of the show following each night of the Democratic and Republican National Conventions. They gave the show a high injection of energy."

A typical day sees Licht arrive at the studio in the morning, where he first attends a meeting with the show's writers. "We talk a little about what is happening in the world, and we sketch out a few ideas for the show taping that afternoon."

Then it is straight to several hours of administrative work, followed by guest confirmations and a mid-afternoon show rehearsal. Finally at 5:30 p.m., the show is recorded for its national broad-

cast on CBS later that same evening.

Licht is on the studio floor close to Colbert during show tapings and has formed a solid working relationship with the star.

"Stephen is one of the most intelligent people you could work with, but at the same time, he is a genuine and normal guy," said Licht. "There is a science as to how you build into a joke, and he obviously is a master at that."

With a wide variety of issues, challenges and personalities to manage every day, Licht works hard focusing on key priorities. "I try to remove obstacles and roadblocks for our staff, so they are free to do what they do best," he said.

"I had been at 'CBS This Morning' for a successful five years, so when I had the offer to switch gears and work on a late-night comedy program, I jumped at the chance," said Licht.



Guest Louis C.K., Colbert and Licht during a commercial break on "The Late Show."



Chris Licht goes over production notes for the upcoming show with Stephen Colbert on the set of the "The Late Show."

Licht's success in the cutthroat world of television has been a long and steady climb. "Directly after graduating from Syracuse, I moved out to Los Angeles with another New York Alpha Chapter brother. I was determined to break into the television industry there," remembered Licht.

"I managed to catch on as a writer with a production company working on a 'pilot' show, which ultimately didn't catch on. But in the process I made contacts at KNBC, the local affiliate station for NBC in Los Angeles."

As Licht was settling in Los Angeles during the heady days of the O.J. Simpson trial, KNBC began broadcasting an evening news program dedicated to analyzing that day's court proceedings. "I was hired to work on that program and, as a result, got my first taste of news producing," explained Licht. He went on to work in local news production for nearly a decade with stints at KNBC and NBC's San Francisco affiliate.

In 2005, Licht jumped to the national broadcast stage. First serving as executive producer for MSNBC's "Scarborough Country," he then co-created and produced the station's popular "Morning Joe" program. Licht's work at MSNBC was widely recognized, with Fast Company magazine naming him as one of its Most Creative People in Business.

"It was at this point when one morning I heard an audible 'pop' in my head," said Licht. While in Washington, D.C., shooting "Morning Joe," Licht suffered a brain hemorrhage at age 38.

"I was extremely fortunate not only to have survived, but to become one of the rare few who are able to make a full recovery," explained Licht, who later wrote, "What Happened When I Almost Died," a book on the lessons he learned from the experience.

A new challenge called Licht to CBS in 2011 when he was asked to help relaunch the network's morning news show. Working closely with the program's co-anchors, Charlie Rose, Gayle King and Norah O'Donnell, he

managed to lead "CBS This Morning" to its highest ratings in more than 20 years. Now, Licht is working with well-known comedian Stephen Colbert to take "The Late Show" to the top of the ratings and produce the most compelling content on late-night television.

"I had been at 'CBS This Morning' for a successful five years, so when I had the offer to switch gears and work on a late-night comedy program, I jumped at the chance," said Licht about his current job.

Licht returns to Syracuse occasionally to speak to students in media production classes and is still in touch with many of his Syracuse chapter brothers. "While an undergraduate, we helped to launch the Balanced Man Program. The experience helped me to learn how to lead people," he said. "I'm proud to be a part of SigEp restoring goodwill towards fraternities."

Chapter and undergraduate success celebrated at Carlson Leadership Academy

The Carlson Leadership Academy provides an essential learning opportunity for new and aspiring chapter officers. It helps them build and strengthen the leadership skills they'll use to guide their chapters to be the best student organizations on their respective campuses. These two-day, in-person gatherings also present the opportunity to recognize the most outstanding role models among undergraduates, volunteers and chapters. A total of 191 awards were presented at the 2017 Carlson Leadership Academies. The following awards recognize chapter and undergraduate excellence.

Chapter Home of the Year Award

These chapters provide a healthy, positive environment that is a source of pride for brothers, alumni, their families and host institutions.

Bowling Green State
Christopher Newport RLC
Georgia RLC
Illinois RLC
Montana State RLC
Oklahoma RLC
Southeast Missouri State RLC
Stevens RLC

Donald C. McCleary Excellence in Member Development Award

These chapters have shown a commitment to the philosophies and values of the Fraternity. Brothers attempt to live SigEp's Ritual each day, make mentoring a central aspect of chapter life, hold each other accountable for their actions and responsibilities, and provide a continuous development experience that is fun and challenging for all members, including their seniors.

Louisville
Maine RLC
Montana State RLC
Northern Iowa RLC
Toledo RLC

Excelsior Award These chapters (listed with the operations area recognized by their award) are making significant progress in a particular area of chapter operations. For their dramatic improvement, they have earned an Excelsior Award.

Arizona Volunteers	Florida International Academics	New Hampshire Finances	Truman State Member development
Arkansas Tech Chapter leadership	Florida SEC Chapter leadership	Northern Iowa RLC Housing	Utah Recruitment
Cal State-Northridge Recruitment	Georgia Tech RLC Member development	Ohio Northern Member development	Valparaiso RLC Volunteers
California-Davis Member safety	Indiana State Academics	Ohio State RLC Chapter leadership	Virginia Tech SEC Recruitment
California-San Diego Member development	Loras Chapter leadership	Oklahoma RLC Standards and accountability	West Chester Recruitment
Cleveland State Recruitment	Louisville Volunteers	Oklahoma State RLC Academics	Western Michigan RLC Recruitment
Connecticut Member development	Missouri State RLC Member development	Rider RLC Chapter leadership	William & Mary Academics
Drake RLC Academics	Missouri-Kansas City Finances	South Florida RLC Recruitment	WPI Recruitment
Duke Chapter leadership	Murray State Standards and accountability	Stetson Housing	

Frank J. Ruck Leadership Award This award acknowledges SigEp brothers and chapters for going beyond their Oath of Obligation. They have dramatically influenced their campus communities by leading positive change aligned with SigEp values. They are leaders in student government, active members in campus organizations and advocates of faculty involvement in their chapters.

BROTHERS

Kevin Bois, Maine '17
Ricky Cassell, Florida Gulf Coast '18
Chris Dedo, Louisiana State '17
Patrick Goodrich, Florida '18
Kevin Grunder, Rider '17
Brian Hamada, Loyola Marymount '18
Luke Jansen, SIU-Edwardsville '18

Timothy Laboy-Coparropa, Christopher Newport '17
Jonathan Lanthier, Sacramento State '16
Matheus M.S. Peraci, Bowling Green State '19
Ben Weinberg, Drake '17

CHAPTERS

Creighton
Wake Forest SEC



J. Edward Zollinger Outstanding Senior Award

This award is presented annually to one outstanding senior in each district of the Fraternity based on scholastic achievement, Fraternity and campus leadership, and community involvement. The scholarship is supported by a gift from the Zollinger family in honor of J. Edward Zollinger, William & Mary '27. For full bios, see pages 14-19.

Steven Accione, Pennsylvania '17
Paul All, Cleveland State '17
Sean Ashoff, Pittsburgh '17
Zach Augustine, Texas Tech '17
Maro "Mac" Croff, Arkansas Tech '17
Brett Cutler, Utah '16
Parker Foote, Drake '17
Jim Haney, Truman State '17
Ralph Herz, South Florida '16
Ross Kruse, Davidson '17
Nick Lednicki, Texas-Austin '17
Brandon Malekie, Loyola Marymount '17
Christopher Markum, Rensselaer '17

Ben Miller, Christopher Newport '17
Jeremy Nafus, Lawrence Tech '16
Zachary Nielsen, Northwest Missouri '17
Evan Olsen, Delaware '17
Jack Peters, Connecticut '18
Chad Phillips, Baker '17
Rahul Rakhit, Boston C. '17
Riley Shearer, Montana State '17
Eric Smith, Valparaiso '17
Jacob Springmeyer, Nevada-Reno '17
Matteo Valles, Georgia Tech '17



Talent Power Award These chapters, one from each SigEp region, demonstrate a strong ability to identify, assess and recruit the highest caliber of men. They seek out men who live SigEp's cardinal principles, incorporate Sound Mind and Sound Body into their lives, and actively contribute to their campuses and communities.

Alabama
Bucknell
Cal State-Northridge
Drake RLC
Elon RLC
Illinois RLC
Maine RLC
Murray State
Ohio State RLC
Oregon State RLC
Valparaiso RLC

Tragos Quest to Greece Scholars

Tragos Quest to Greece Scholars are selected from hundreds of applicants each year for an unmatched study-abroad experience. Guided by alumni mentors and university faculty, scholars explore Greek culture and contemplate the origins of SigEp's values and the Balanced Man Ideal. The Tragos Quest to Greece changes the way brothers view the world, their Fraternity and themselves. The program is named for and made possible by a generous gift from Past Grand President William G. Tragos, Washington in St. Louis '56, and his wife, Lilli.

Quest Scholars are leaders within their chapters, on their campuses and in their communities. For full bios, visit sigep.org/2017TragosQuest.

Clark Adams, Murray State '18
Jeff Back, Cincinnati '18
Steven Breaux, Auburn '18
Patrick Clarke, West Virginia '18
Patrick Githens, West Chester '18
Nathaniel Glass, American '18
Patrick Goodrich, Florida '18
Brad Hoffman, Louisville '18
Matthew Lin, Connecticut '18
Austin McCraw, North Carolina-Greensboro '19
Jonathan Napolitano, Drexel '18
Erik Olson, Utah State '18
Patrick Ryan, Toledo '18
Andrew Vasile, Cal State-Northridge '18
Jeffrey Woo, Stanford '18
Joe Zach, Nebraska '18



SigEp recognizes alumni and volunteer service

SigEp volunteers provide critical mentorship and support for undergraduates. Our volunteers offer new perspectives, insight and consistency. They serve as role models. And they help undergraduates overcome obstacles, avoid life-altering mistakes and accomplish goals that might otherwise seem out of reach. Their involvement contributes to the stability of our chapters and the success of our brothers. The following alumni and volunteer awards are presented annually at the Carlson Leadership Academies.

Alumni and Volunteer Corporation Operational Excellence Award

recognizes outstanding service by an AVC in leading a chapter to success in the areas of recruitment, member development and fiscal health.

American
Arizona
Cornell
Eastern Washington
Florida
Fort Hays State
Indiana State
Louisville
Missouri State
Nevada-Reno
North Texas
Pennsylvania State
Rider
Stevens
Toledo
West Chester
Western Michigan
Wisconsin-Platteville

Distinguished Alumnus and Distinguished Volunteer Awards

These two awards recognize devoted and productive service at the chapter, district, regional and/or national level for a minimum of 10 years. The recipients of these awards have produced positive, tangible and sustainable results for the betterment of SigEp. Members of the Fraternity are awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award and nonmember volunteers are awarded the Distinguished Volunteer Award.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

Brian Delaney, Indiana State '90
Matthew W. Engelhardt, Valparaiso '91
William Fulco, Loyola Marymount Renaissance
Aaron Lavine, California-Santa Barbara '85
Bryson Ridgway, Florida '05

DISTINGUISHED VOLUNTEER

Lauren Campbell (Michigan & Western Michigan)
Karen Katz (Florida International)
Kay Robinson (Oklahoma State)

Outstanding New Volunteer Award

recognizes a new volunteer in each district who has made a significant impact on either the AVC or the undergraduate chapter with which they volunteer.

Becca Berkey (Northeastern)
Ryan Bye, Valparaiso Renaissance
Shaun Carroll, Huntingdon '00
Hunter Easterling, Southern Mississippi '15
Dennis Fitzgerald, Missouri State '75
Carlton Gover, Radford '16
Bryan Kaminski, Johns Hopkins '06
Ryan Kearns, South Florida '10
Alex Lin, Rensselaer '15
Alex Lorenz, North Texas '86
Matt McKnight, Nevada-Reno '07
Josh Ness, North Texas '09
Anthony Paletta, Baldwin Wallace '11
Greg Pestinger, Kansas State '86
Don Phillips, Lawrence Tech '89
Benjamin Reiner, Nebraska-Omaha '05
Roy Sye, Monmouth '13
Taylor Wade, Fort Hays State '15
Kyle Whelton, Marquette '15
Creston Whiting-Casey, Sacramento State '11

Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes a volunteer in each district who has given outstanding volunteer service that had a significant impact on either the AVC or undergraduate chapter over the past year.

Joel Anderson, Northern Iowa '12
Joe Brejda, Georgia Tech '12
Brad Brown, Valparaiso '04
Chuck Brown, East Carolina '83
Frank Butterfield, Southern California '83
Scott Colati, American '09
Brady Colyer, West Chester '08
Steve Dearien, West Virginia '80

Bryce Giesler, Tennessee '82
Don Heard, Houston '93
Cindy Hooker (Utah)
Lance Johnson, Texas-Arlington '80
Ed Kaplan, Connecticut '88
River Karaba, Western Michigan '11
Kevin Krebaum, Fort Hays State '96
Randy McCullough, Toledo '80
Michelle Murphy (Eastern Illinois)

Trent Roberts, Indiana State '98
Jay Sage, Virginia Tech '85
Stephen Shewbrooks, Florida '66
Chuck Stegman, Colorado '81
John Vincent, Southeast Missouri State '97
Tony Whalen, Rider '97



UNIVERSITY PARTNERS OF THE YEAR

The University Partner of the Year Award recognizes faculty and staff who have gone above and beyond to create a meaningful partnership with SigEp on their campus. Award recipients connect SigEp undergraduates with faculty to enhance academic development. They act as mentors and advisors. And they work to support the implementation of critical, life-changing experiences through the Balanced Man Program and Residential Learning Communities.



Emily Perlow
Assistant Dean of
Students, Worcester
Polytechnic Institute

Perlow joined WPI in 2005 as assistant director of student activities and Greek life programs, the same year she began her involvement with SigEp. She became a chapter advisor and assisted in nearly every aspect of volunteer support. Brothers who have worked with Perlow say she is adept at helping them gain perspective on situations that feel overwhelming, rather than simply telling them how to solve their problems. And thanks to her guidance, Massachusetts Beta has received several WPI awards, including Organization of the Year.

Perlow serves as chair of the Northeast Greek Leadership Association. She is a 2015 recipient of the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors' Publication Excellence Award as well as the association's 2009 Volunteer of the Year award.

Jack Causseaux
Director, Sorority and
Fraternity Affairs,
University of Florida

Causseaux has served as a strong advocate for the undergraduates and alumni of SigEp's University of Florida Chapter for years. During a period that led to the chapter's unfortunate closure in 2013, Causseaux went above and beyond to serve as an intermediary between undergraduates and alumni leadership. Following the closure, he made himself available to undergraduates and counseled them through the difficult time.

When SigEp returned to campus in 2015, Causseaux was still there, ready and willing to do everything he could to aid the



reorganized chapter. With an appreciation for the unique value of the SigEp experience, he has served as an advocate for the Fraternity within Florida's administration and continues to be a critical source of support for the chapter.



Shannon Taylor
Associate Director
of Student Affairs,
Loyola Marymount
University

Through Taylor's support, SigEp's Loyola Marymount Chapter has been able to consistently offer an accredited course on leadership values through the university's Ignatian Leadership Institute. The implementation of this program helped the chapter receive accreditation as a Residential Learning Community in 2011. Since then, Taylor has helped the brothers expand the course from one to three units and is offering it to all fraternities and sororities on campus. As one of several faculty fellows for the chapter, Taylor also provides guidance and advice to Loyola Marymount SigEps and has been instrumental in the chapter's success. She has remained committed to her volunteer role with the Fraternity, even as she has transitioned into several positions in the university's administration.

Steven Ashmore
Director of Student
Conduct, University of
Oklahoma

Ashmore has been a consistent source of guidance and tough love for SigEp's Oklahoma Chapter throughout a recent turbulent period in its history. While serving in the office of the school's general counsel, Ashmore was on the front line of



several incidents involving the chapter. As Oklahoma's student conduct director, he advocated for the brothers within the university administration and coordinated with chapter alumni and the national Fraternity, despite the fact that his first day on the job was his first experience with fraternities and sororities. Eager to learn more about the SigEp experience and the potential of Greek organizations, Ashmore attended last year's Carlson Leadership Academy to learn how best practices are implemented at other SigEp chapters.

Ashmore previously served as a staff sergeant in the Oklahoma National Guard. He deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan and received a Bronze Star for his service. His experience seeing young men perform in difficult situations contributes to his ability to guide Oklahoma Beta toward success.



Deb Bishop
Associate Professor
of Management;
Director, Pappajohn
Center for
Entrepreneurial
Outreach; and
Buchanan Center
for Entrepreneurial
Leadership, Drake
University

For nearly 10 years, Bishop has served as a faculty fellow for SigEp's Drake Chapter. She attends Sigma Challenge meetings and helps new members develop strong study habits early in their college careers. Bishop makes herself available to all brothers for academic support, and serves as a liaison for the chapter to other faculty members. She also leads a yearly study abroad trip to Uganda and frequently brings chapter members along. Her investment in the Drake Chapter over so many years has led to six Buchanan Cups since 2003 and sustainable academic success for brothers — the chapter finished the 2016 spring semester with a collective GPA of 3.46.



Paul Litcher
Indiana Tech '88

Paul Litcher began his dedicated SigEp involvement at the Fraternity's Indiana Tech Chapter in 1988 and currently volunteers with chapters at NYU and Stevens. With SigEp roots in both the Northeast and Midwest, Litcher has also served in various roles at Columbia, Hofstra, St. John's and Indiana Tech. At Stevens, he's been instrumental in building a powerhouse RLC that has won Buchanan Cup after Buchanan Cup in recent years. Regardless of his official volunteer role, his mentorship and example for undergraduates and alumni have always set him apart. Despite living many states away from his alma mater, Litcher has maintained a strong connection with the SigEps at Indiana Tech.

Litcher is the lieutenant district governor for District 3 and has operated a New York City Founders Day celebration since the early '90s, now in conjunction with the 1901 Club of New York. He has also been an EDGE and Carlson facilitator. A former brigadier general and current treasurer of the NUTS! McAuliffe Society, Litcher was honored with the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1997.

Receiving the Exemplary Service Award, Litcher paid homage to his SigEp mentors, including Past Grand President **Frank Ruck, Michigan '46**. Litcher quoted Ruck's advice to him, "SigEp always needs to look into the future, remember our principles and change with the times."



Earl Rainwater
Tennessee '60

Since 1965, Earl Rainwater, together with his late twin brother **Burl Rainwater, Tennessee '58**, has served as a constant and critical source of alumni leadership for SigEp's Tennessee Alpha Chapter. In fact, the only time in his adult life when Rainwater hasn't been volunteering with

SigEp was between 1961-1965, when he was serving in the United States Air Force as a JAG officer. Early roles in his volunteer career included chapter counselor, district governor and AVC president. He helped guide Tennessee's house building campaign and, in 1978, worked alongside fellow alumni to establish the Tennessee Alpha Scholarship Foundation. That same year, he was honored by the national Fraternity with the inaugural Distinguished Alumnus Award. In the decades since, he's put in countless hours as AVC treasurer, and the scholarship foundation he helped create has awarded \$1 million in scholarships.

Rainwater's wife, Virginia, has also been an active participant in his more than 50 years of service. "I couldn't have done much of what I did without her," he said.

In his address to brothers and friends at the 2017 Carlson, Rainwater spoke movingly about what the Fraternity has meant to him, saying, "Membership in Sigma Phi Epsilon has been one of the greatest things that I could have experienced. To me, Sigma Phi Epsilon, from the very beginning, has meant family."

Exemplary

Past Grand President **Phillip A. Cox, Indiana '84**, told us often, "Behind every great chapter is a group of dedicated volunteers." These men and women make a difference in our chapters and campus communities every day. And they don't do it for the recognition. They do it because they love SigEp and believe in the Fraternity's ability to bring out the best in young men. Among the thousands of dedicated SigEp volunteers, a select few stand out as truly exemplary.



Steve Young
Kansas '80

Steve Young has faithfully served the Fraternity as a volunteer since 1993. That year, he answered a call to service from current Grand Treasurer **Chris Bittman, Colorado '85**. The first chapter Young worked with was at San Francisco State, and he also lent his time and talents to California-Sacramento and Stanford. He is currently president of

the AVC at California-Berkeley, doing much to increase volunteer involvement there and helping the chapter gain a better financial footing. In addition to holding numerous AVC positions, Young served as district governor for northern California from 2002 to 2007. Midway through his term, every chapter in his district was operating the Balanced Man Program. In 2007, he was awarded SigEp's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Young has enjoyed a successful career in law and has regularly lent his professional expertise to the Fraternity. He was chairman of a task force that improved and clarified SigEp's national bylaws and AVC trust agreement. Today, he is a director on the SigEp National Housing board.

Service Award

The Exemplary Service Award recognizes SigEp volunteers who have tirelessly served the Fraternity and modeled the way for others for more than 20 years. The following alumni received their awards at the culmination of the 2017 Carlson Leadership Academies.



Accepting the Exemplary Service Award, Young reflected on the significance of his undergraduate experience with the Ritual. He shared that the memory of the event has remained with him throughout his many years of service, recalling, "There was this deep feeling that washed over me that morning, a feeling that I'd really never had in my life before that point. It was a feeling of love, acceptance and validation. The brotherly love permeated and engulfed every brother in that chapter room."



Gary Bunn

Central Arkansas '88

Gary Bunn has faithfully served SigEp's Central Arkansas Chapter since 2003, but his involvement with the chapter goes back much further. As an undergraduate, he was a founding member of the chapter, graduating just a few months after the brothers received their charter. After

graduation, Bunn went on to receive his Ed.D. and returned to Central Arkansas as a member of the school's faculty. He became involved with the AVC, helping the organization to purchase

property and build the school's first fraternity house. Countless SigEp volunteers have depended on Bunn's leadership over the years. He is also a respected mentor for undergraduates, both at his alma mater and beyond. He was an active member of SigEp's National Leadership Committee, guiding local and national leadership programming; and he has facilitated frequently at EDGE, the Ruck Leadership Institute and Carlson Leadership Academies. He is the current AVC treasurer for his chapter and serves as a lieutenant district governor in the state. In 2008, Bunn received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in recognition of his accomplished and devoted service.

Speaking to Carlson attendees about the value of his investment in young SigEps, Bunn said, "Never give up on people. Instead, keep your faith that the good in people will prevail ... I'm happy to say that the men from Arkansas Zeta have maintained consistent chapter excellence for nearly 30 years."



Tom Barton

Loras '89

Tom Barton's volunteer service began immediately after his graduation from college. He volunteered with several chapters as a chapter counselor and AVC member. Barton played a key role in starting chapters at Northern Iowa and Wisconsin-Platteville. He also helped engineer a major turnaround at Iowa, where the then 80-year-old chapter won its first two Buchanan Cups with Barton as chapter counselor. He then went on to serve as a district governor. In the 1990s, Barton worked with **Frank Ruck, Michigan '46**, to advance the Balanced Man Program, introducing it to six chapters. In 2012, he rolled up his sleeves again to help bring SigEp back to the Loras campus.

Barton has worked tirelessly to advance the Fraternity's programs through charitable giving. He has served as a member of SigEp's National Leadership Committee and as a trustee of its Educational Foundation. Since 2013, he has proudly served as a Life Trustee of the foundation. He is a founder of the NUTS! McAuliffe Society and serves on the National Advancement Council with his wife, Barb. Barton has facilitated at EDGE, Carlson Leadership Academies and Conclave. His breadth and depth of involvement over the years have left an enduring legacy on SigEp at the local, state, regional and national levels. In 1994, he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Barton spoke of how the values of SigEp have provided a framework for him to use throughout his life. "What SigEp really gave me was a set of principles that, if properly used, could virtually guarantee success: goal setting, personal standards, gentlemanly behavior, virtue, leadership and brotherly love. The most important thing SigEp taught me, though, was diligence — and it changed my life."

Lifetime Giving

The following brothers and friends have shown tremendous generosity over the course of their lifetime in support of SigEp undergraduates. This list includes all living donors who have contributed at least \$5,000 to the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation through December 31, 2016. This list also includes documented planned gifts.*

Carter Ashton Jenkins Society | \$2,000,000-\$2,999,999

James L. Clayton
Tennessee '57 ♠

Benjamin Donald Gaw Society | \$1,000,000-\$1,999,999

Mark W. Davis
Nebraska '90 ♠ ♠

John V. Hanson
Iowa State '65

Donald W. Hudler
Ohio Wesleyan '56 ♠ ♠

Garry C. Kief
Southern California
'70 ♠ ♠

Gregory A. Pestinger
Kansas State '86 ♠ ♠

A. J. Scribante
Kansas State '56 ♠

William G. Tragos
Washington in St. Louis
'56 ♠ ♠

William Hugh Carter Society | \$500,000-\$999,999

Christopher L.
Bittman
Colorado '85 ♠ ♠

Denis H. Dieker, Jr.
Wichita State '77 ♠

Kent B. Hickman
Colorado '61 ♠ ♠

William Andrew Wallace Society | \$250,000-\$499,999

W. H. Clark
North Carolina State
'56 ♠ ♠

Phillip A. & Jane Cox
Indiana '84 ♠ ♠

Wallace C. Doud
Wisconsin '48 ♠ ♠

R. Scott Dudis
Ohio State '09 ♠ ♠

Donald D. Duryee
Fort Hays State '71 ♠

Carey E. Heckman
Dartmouth '76

Thomas O. Hicks
Texas-Austin '68

H. Lorenz Horn
Florida '56 ♠ ♠

Michael D. Hurst
Missouri S&T '74 ♠

A. Jay Hurt, III
Davidson '88 ♠

David D. Jenkins
Colorado State '64

Steven A. Nienke
Wichita State Renaissance

Lee M. Reeve
Kansas State '71

LIFETIME GIVING LEVELS

\$3,000,000+	Reserved for first \$3M+ donor
\$2,000,000-\$2,999,999	Carter Ashton Jenkins Society
\$1,000,000-\$1,999,999	Benjamin Donald Gaw Society
\$500,000-\$999,999	William Hugh Carter Society
\$250,000-\$499,999	William Andrew Wallace Society
\$100,000-\$249,999	Thomas Temple Wright Society
\$50,000-\$99,999	William Lazell Phillips Society
\$25,000-\$49,999	Lucian Baum Cox Society
\$10,000-\$24,999	Richard Spurgeon Owens Society
\$5,000-\$9,999	Edgar Lee Allen Society
\$2,500-\$4,999	Robert Alfred McFarland Society
\$1,000-\$2,499	Frank Webb Kerfoot Society
\$0-\$999	Thomas Vaden McCaul Society

SigEp's lifetime giving levels have changed over time as brothers and friends have continued to give more in support of our youngest brothers. These new levels were established in 2014 to create clarity and consistency moving forward.

♠ denotes Board of Governors as of December 31, 2016

♠ denotes legacy gifts

♠ denotes deceased

* To learn more about planned giving, visit sigep.org/legacy

Thomas Temple Wright Society | \$100,000-\$249,999

Richard R. Babcock
William & Mary '67 ♠

Tom H. Barrett
Kansas State '53

Scott A. Baxter
Buffalo State '84

Clark H. Byrum, Sr.
Indiana '57 ♠ ♠

Roger C. Chapman
Texas-Austin '49

John C. Clarkson
Kentucky '69 ♠

Christopher M.
Coleman
Kansas State '01

John M. Corby
Arizona State '74 ♠

C. Dean Davis
North Texas '52 ♠ ♠

D. Travis Engen
MIT '65

Jere D. Fluno
Wisconsin '63

Rex E. Garrelts
Kansas State '68

Melvin H. Haas
Cincinnati '62 ♠

Charles E. Haldeman
Dartmouth '70 ♠

Harold C. Hodson, Jr.
Ohio Northern '49 ♠

John R. Hoehl, Jr.
Duke '72 ♠

Thomas B.
Jelke, Ph.D.
Florida International '90 ♠

Richard H. Kimball
Dartmouth '78

Frank T. Ko
Pepperdine '97 ♠ ♠

Timothy P. Lambert
Cal State-Long
Beach '90 ♠

Michael S. McConnell
Oklahoma '82

Shawn McKenna
Maine '77 ♠ ♠ ♠

Lt. Commander
Christopher K.
Mercer
UNC-Wilmington '91 ♠

Thomas A. Morley, Jr.
Oklahoma State '87

Kevin A. O'Connor
Loras '88 ♠

Mark J. Owens
Wichita State '86

James C. Park
Michigan '59

Gregory J. Pusinelli
Indiana '80 ♠

Lamar A. Roach, Sr.
Lamar '60

Marcus P. Robinson
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Order of the Golden Heart recipient William Cross passes to Chapter Eternal

By REV. RAY ACKERMAN, Oklahoma '77,
SigEp National Chaplain

While the Fraternity has had much to celebrate in the past year, it's also experienced the loss of many brothers. Included in this list is beloved Order of the Golden Heart recipient **William "Bill" Cross, Carroll '49**, who died in early 2017.

Cross was born in Missouri in 1925 and raised in Kenosha, Wisconsin. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, serving a three-year tour in the Pacific theater during World War II.

Following his wartime service, Cross attended school at Carroll College (now Carroll University) in Wisconsin. He helped reestablish the SigEp chapter on campus and graduated in 3 1/2 years. Following graduate school at the University of New Mexico, he joined the SigEp Headquarters staff as a field secretary.

Brother Cross worked in higher education for much of his life. He began his career at North Carolina State University and went on to work at the University of

Michigan before settling in Gainesville, Florida, where he worked for the University of Florida from 1960 to 1988.

Cross was a dedicated SigEp volunteer wherever he went, serving as district governor in three states. As a longtime Florida Alpha volunteer, he was beloved by brothers and friends.

"I, as most who knew him, loved Bill Cross! He was as approachable and willing to help as any person I have ever known," reflected **Bill Bell, Florida '77**.

Past Grand President **Bert Harris, Florida '74**, remembered him fondly, too, saying, "Bill was a great mentor to me and several others. He was always very direct — and did not always tell you what you wanted to hear. That said, he was one to encourage a student's personal growth and development. He always pushed, supported and encouraged. I would consider him one of the Fraternity's best and longest serving mentors."

In addition to his extraordinary service as district governor and Florida Alpha volunteer, Brother Cross served the



William Cross, Carroll '49
June 7, 1925 - Jan. 22, 2017

Fraternity as chairman of the National Leadership Council and frequently led regional leadership academies, today known as the Carlson Leadership Academy.

In 1985, SigEp bestowed on Cross the Order of the Golden Heart. Three years later, he retired from the University of Florida, remaining in Gainesville until his death. A consummate example of the sound body ideal, he was an avid athlete who played tennis year-round into his 80s.

Throughout SigEp history, the Fraternity has called upon heroes to guide and inspire us. For so many, Cross was that hero — and he will be dearly missed.

The following is a partial listing of SigEp brothers who have passed away in recent months, organized by the member's home chapter's state.

Names in red are national volunteers or those who have received national recognition for their service, such as the Order of the Golden Heart, Exemplary Service Award, Volunteer of the Year, Distinguished Alumnus or Citation.

Email obituary notices to communications@sigep.net or send to: In Memoriam, Sigma Phi Epsilon, 310 South Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23220.

Read or submit remembrances of SigEp brothers on the website www.sigep.org/news/inmemoriam.html

Undergraduates

John M. Bretz Jr.
North Carolina-Charlotte '18
Devin Cyr
Evansville '19
Matthew A. Hayes
Texas A&M '19
Quinton M. Noel
Texas Tech '17
Alexander J. Prinzi
Georgia Tech '17

Alabama

Arthur D. Moore Jr.
Auburn '54

Arizona

Melvin H.W. Ing
Arizona State '72

Arkansas

David M. Fullen
Henderson State '70
Robert M. Jenkins
Arkansas '74
Joel D. Johnson
Central Arkansas '94
James A. Rowton
Arkansas '64

California

Steven L. Rose
Southern California '49
William F. Smith
Southern California '45

Colorado

Leonard F. Amendola
Northern Colorado '65
Edwin G. Ruland
Colorado '60

Florida

Marcus T. Brown
South Florida '71
Gary E. Bullard
Florida '54
Steven C. Henry
South Florida '74
William J. Reitter
Florida State '53
Robert W. Sams
Rollins '71

Georgia

Thomas D. Stelter
Georgia Tech '92

Illinois

Matthew D. Anson
Illinois '04
David J. Boonshaft
SIU-Edwardsville '85
William A. Schroeder
Illinois '66
Charles J. Vinci
Illinois '83

Indiana

Robert T. Bruce
Ball State '71
Edward G. Schmitt
Purdue '45
Richard G. Stephens
Purdue '48
William P. Tennell
Indiana '50
Fred S. Vorsanger
Indiana '51

Iowa

Dale L. Brinkmeyer
Iowa State '51
Gerald W. Jensen
Iowa State '54

Kansas

Keith H. Clark
Kansas State '53
Don A. Kinney
Washburn '74
Dennis D. Messick
Emporia State '72
William H. Sears
Kansas State '63
Leon A. Torkelson
Emporia State '65

Kentucky

Robert O. Bartram
Kentucky '60

Maine

Shawn McKenna
Maine '77 (Order of the Golden Heart, National Director, SigEp National Housing Director)

Massachusetts

William D. Abbott
Boston University '60
Gordon N. Cooper
Boston University '53

John P. Dewine
WPI '76

Michigan

Thomas D. Cramer
Michigan '49
Collin J. Rose
Ferris State '10

Mississippi

Eric M. Kuehl
Southern
Mississippi '08
James B. Sullivan IV
Mississippi State '92

Missouri

Joseph E. Grimm
Missouri S&T '70
James D. Turke
Culver-Stockton '79

Nebraska

John T. Aalborg
Nebraska '67
John M. Brower
Nebraska '49
Philip M. Lewis Jr.
Nebraska '53



Collin Rose, Ferris State '10

A five-year veteran of the Wayne State University Police Department, **Collin Rose** was admired as a friendly and energetic presence in his community. He often gave talks at schools and worked to honor officers killed in the line of duty. As an undergraduate, he served as president of SigEp's Ferris State Chapter and was a Ruck Scholar. He maintained strong relationships with his Fraternity brothers after graduation.

A dedicated officer and passionate advocate for abused dogs, Rose worked as a K-9 officer with two dogs he trained. He also trained rescue dogs so they could be adopted. Rose was widely respected for his support of the families of fallen officers and frequently attended memorials for officers along with his dogs. He proposed to his fiancée, Nicole, at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., after participating in the Police Unity Tour, a cycling event that raises funds for the memorial.

"Collin was the embodiment of brotherly love and what you seek in a

fraternity brother, both during our time at school and after graduation. He was the type of brother that you could always count on, offering help, words of wisdom or even a couch to sleep on. I was lucky to have him in my life," said, **Joseph Rubino, '13**, Rose's little brother in the chapter.

Rose was shot while attempting to arrest a suspect and passed away on Nov. 23, 2016. He was a registered organ donor, and Rose's family honored his wishes by donating his organs. He is survived by his fiancée, Nicole; parents, Randy and Karen; brother, Curtis; grandparents, Margaret and Clifford; and two dogs, Clyde and Wolverine.



Collin Rose
April 1, 1987 – Nov. 23, 2016

John Michael "Jack" Bretz Jr., North Carolina-Charlotte '18

Jack Bretz's determination and strength made him an accomplished martial artist with black belts in The Chuck Norris System and Tang Soo Do. But his courage in his quiet fight against leukemia is what most inspired his SigEp brothers and the Charlotte community. "He was a beautiful soul, an outstanding brother and a wonderful friend," said his SigEp big brother, **Hazen Warlick, '14**.

"Jack was never truly beaten, because he never gave up."

Bretz often spoke of his strong belief in striving to achieve the ideals of the Balanced Man Program. He formed a unique comradeship with late Past Grand President **Phillip A. Cox, Indiana '84**,

who was also battling cancer, when Cox visited Bretz's home during a trip to meet with the North Carolina-Charlotte Chapter in September 2013. Knowing Bretz would lose his hair while undergoing chemotherapy, his chapter brothers shaved their heads at a charity event that raised \$6,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Impressed by Bretz's positive attitude, Charlotte nonprofit Dream On 3 fulfilled his wish to meet actor and martial arts Grand Master Chuck Norris in July 2014. Bretz formed a lasting bond with Norris and his wife, Gena. "It was an honor to promote Jack to black belt. But it was an even greater honor to know him as the great person he was, and will be remembered for," said Norris. "I look forward to the day I see you in heaven. We love and miss you."



Jack Bretz Jr.
Jan. 17, 1994 – Jan. 2, 2017

New York

Jack W. Cottrell
Syracuse '41

Timothy M. Dopkins
SUNY-Geneseo '88

Louis A. Jammer Jr.
Syracuse '52

Robert J. Piasecki
SUNY-Buffalo '62

Thomas B. Roe III
Syracuse '51

North Carolina

John T. Fleming
Wake Forest '93

W. Scott Vaughan
Barton '93

Larry E. Williams
High Point '59

Ohio

James L. French
Bowling Green
State '65

Ernest B. Hazlett Jr.
Defiance '72

Terry D. Olive
Bowling Green
State '70

William V.

Polomik Jr.
Cincinnati '93

Bruce K. Ryan
Miami (Ohio) '61

Oregon

Dalton L. Cooley
Oregon State '54

John J. Cruickshank
Oregon State '54

South Carolina

Kenneth A. Brown
Coastal Carolina '94

Bruce T. Willey
South Carolina '57

Tennessee

Michael J.
Armstrong
Memphis '83

James B. Ellers
Memphis '69

John D. Hall II
East Tennessee
State '72

Texas

Gary L. Childress
Texas A&M '78

Daniel C. Cox
Sam Houston State '82

Utah

James D. Howell Jr.
Utah '56

Steven G. Jordan
Utah State '80

Virginia

Thomas J. Cabelus
George Mason '82

Robert L. Garian
Richmond '55

David H.T. Jewett Jr.
Virginia '48

Wilton W. King Sr.
Virginia '59

P. Paul Saunier Jr.
Richmond '40

Washington

Gay L. Mullins
Washington State '54

Wisconsin

William G. Cross
Carroll '49 (Order of
the Golden Heart)

Glenn C. Feifarek
Wisconsin '50

Jacob R.
Hatzenbuehler II
Wisconsin '00

Edward P. Jaep
Wisconsin '77

Douglas J. Kubie
Wisconsin-Oshkosh '68

Lawrence H. Larsen
Lawrence '53

Editor's Note: As this issue went to press, SigEp learned that Order of the Golden Heart recipient **Shawn McKenna, Maine '77**, had passed away after a long and brave battle with cancer. An obituary will be included in our fall issue.

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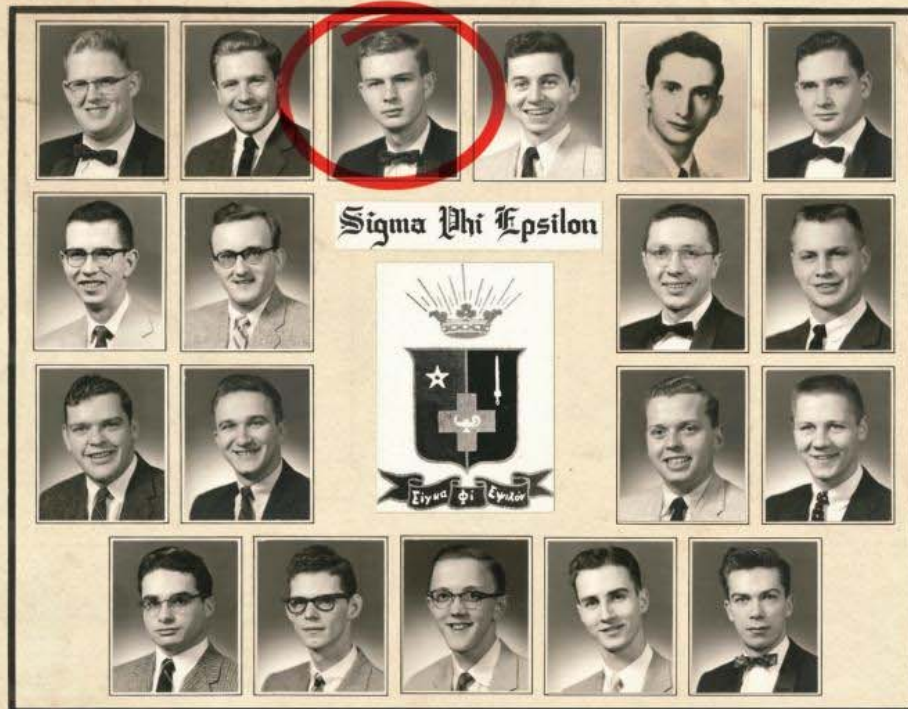
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